



## **PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION REPORT**

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**SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT REPORT – MAY 2025**

**DATE: JUNE 5, 2025**

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### ❖ **Adaptive Programming**

- Access Costa Mesa's 2025 All-Abilities Resource Fair took place on Saturday May 3 from 10am-12pm at the Costa Mesa Senior Center. Community Agency vendors included Regional Center of Orange County, Coastline College, No Limits Creative Arts, Mental Health Association of Orange County, and others. Costa Mesa Fire & Rescue also brought a fire engine out for attendees to visit and interact with. Costa Mesa businesses Better Buzz Coffee, Panificadora Bakery, A&R Roofing, and La Espiga de Oro Bakery, provided in-kind donations of coffee and pastries for our attendees and vendors to enjoy.

### ❖ **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	173

#### • **Fields**

Field Usage	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May
# of Organizations	51	51	52	52	52	53	54	54
Hours	45,604	30,672	15,566	9,761	21,216	31,072	42,384	50,660

### ❖ **Community Gardens**

Garden Location	Parcel Quantity	Parcels Rented	Waitlisted
Del Mar	57	57	149
Hamilton	42	42	52

## ❖ Contract Classes

	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May
Youth & Adult Totals:	381	282	199	337	290	320	349	293

- New classes for March: Spring Break Rollerskating & Skateboarding Camp

## ❖ Costa Mesa Senior Center

- The May 2025 monthly newsletter was mailed to 4,616 members. This is an increase of 80 members since April 2025.
- On May 6, the Senior Center's Veterans Group welcomed Howard Medina, a U.S. Army veteran with over 20 years of active-duty service and the Post Commander of the local chapter of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. Medina delivered an engaging presentation on his military experience, the organization's rich history as well as the vital role Jewish Americans have played in the military. The session sparked thoughtful discussion and strengthened bonds among attendees. To sweeten the experience, members took home delicious Girl Scout Cookies, generously donated by the Huntington Beach Elks Lodge.
- On May 8, the Senior Center held its annual Mother's Day Luncheon, celebrating the incredible women who fill our community with love, strength, and wisdom. The Fairy theme event brought together residents, families, and staff for an afternoon filled with joy, laughter, and heartfelt moments. Guests enjoyed a catered lunch from Pizza D'Oro, entertainment by violinist Brooksley Bishop, and a photo booth provided by Fun Photos.

Senior Programs	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May
Meals on Wheels OC - Meals	1,268	1,384	1,234	1,250	1,297	1,332	1,286	1,213
Meals on Wheels OC - Seniors	1,154	1,291	1,169	1,235	1,130	1,332	1,158	1,255
Second Harvest Grocery Boxes	379	420	208	395	367	420	420	334
Wellness Calls	1,790	1,903	1,769	2,179	1,868	1,788	1,684	2,088
Transportation Program Trips	1,829	2,252	2,082	2,101	2,149	2,380	2,300	2,565

## ❖ Downtown Aquatic Center

Aquatics Programs	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May
Drop-In Participants	141	124	87	87	98	125	134	168
Total Drop-In Visits	534	482	326	322	363	500	553	592
Instructional Class Participants	238	9	0	6	5	60	233	258
Instructional Class Attendance	502	78	0	27	31	326	842	1,305

- Of the 258 instructional class participants, 48 participants were part of the new Swim Safe Initiative, providing free swimming and water safety lessons to Costa Mesa youth:

Participants	Program
9	SOY Swim
48	NMUSD After-School Swim & Water Safety

- The City of Costa Mesa's Parks and Community Services Department is excited to partner with the Newport-Mesa Unified School District to introduce a new opportunity for students at College Park Elementary School this spring. This program is being piloted as part of the Aquatics Program's new Swim Safe Initiative, in collaboration with NMUSD's Expanded Learning Program. It will provide free after-school swimming and water safety lessons for students in grades 2 through 6.
- On May 17<sup>th</sup>, we hosted the first-ever Safe Splash Bash event from 2:00-4:00 p.m. This free, family-friendly water safety event allowed participants of all ages to learn about water safety, practice hands-only CPR, and participate in interactive demos to make strides towards a water-smart Costa Mesa.

Participants	Program
43	Safe Splash Bash

#### ❖ **Downtown Recreation Center**

	May	
Gym Programs	Participants	Total Visits
Pickleball	133	703
Youth Open Gym	45	140
Basketball	48	119
Volleyball	144	274

#### ❖ **Facility Rentals**

	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May
Number of Rentals	42	30	32	34	35	54	39	50

#### ❖ **Fairview Park**

- 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 next second Saturday restoration day is scheduled for June 14, and the next third Saturday restoration day is scheduled for June 21.
- The Fairview Park section has initiated a new Fairview Park restoration volunteering opportunity on alternating Fridays. The City currently has openings for a limited number of committed long-term volunteers.
- The City has created a new landing page for Fairview Park Activities and Volunteer Opportunities, which includes information on all restoration volunteer opportunities: [Activities and Volunteer Opportunities | City of Costa Mesa](#)

## ❖ Permits

May - Park Rental Permits			
Park Location	Permits Issued		Park Location
Del Mesa	7		Smallwood
Estancia	7		Tanager
Heller	6		TeWinkle
Jordan	2		Vista
Shiffer	5		Wakeham

Film Permits	
	May
Permits Issued in May	4
Permits at City Facilities	1
Permits at Private Commercial Property	3
Pending Permits on TESSA	0
Total Permits Issued for 2025	20

Special Event Permits	
	May
Permits Issued in May	8
Permits at City Facilities	4
Permits at Private Commercial Property	4
Pending Permits on TESSA	9
Total Permits Issued for 2025	26

## ❖ 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	May
3-5 year old	40	38

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

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

School Site	May
Adams	31
California	122
College Park	68
Davis	190
Killybrooke	62
Paularino	33
Sonora	50
Victoria	31
Whittier	41

- **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	May
Monday	Shalimar Park	9
Tuesday	Shalimar Park	10
Wednesday	Shalimar Park	10
Thursday	Shalimar Park	6
Weekends	City Events	150*

\*Love Costa Mesa Day

- **Youth Sports**

- **BeFIT Volleyball**

- Free clinic-based instruction at the Downtown Recreation Center Gym
- Season: March 25 – May 24, 2025

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

- **Teen Program**

- Free afterschool care for 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 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	May
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	166
TeWinkle Middle School	206
Excursions	19
Shuttle Service	May
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	186
Save Our Youth (SOY)	75

Upcoming Events	Dates	Location
Community Health Resource Fair	June 7, 2025	Lions Park
Movie in the Park   Sonic 3 The Hedgehog	June 14, 2025	Shiffer Park
Independence Day Celebration Lunch	June 26, 2025	Costa Mesa Senior Center