



PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION REPORT

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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2025

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❖ **Adult Sports**

• **Adult Sports**

- Softball League – Operated by Major League Softball
 - Fall 2025 began September 22 – December 4
- Senior Softball League – Operated by City Staff
 - Spring began August 16 – December 7

Adult Basketball League - Operated by City Staff				
Season YYYY	Duration	Mon. Teams	Wed. Teams	Participant Total
Spring 2025	May 12 – July 21	8	7	176
Fall 2025	Sept. 15 – Dec. 1	0	8	63

• **Fields**

Field Usage	Mar.	April	May	June	July	July	Aug.	Sept.
# of Organizations	53	54	54	54	54	54	59	59
Hours	31,072	42,384	50,660	16,889	11,072	11,072	20,128	38,324

❖ **Community Gardens**

Garden Location	Parcel Quantity	Parcels Rented	Waitlisted
Del Mar	65*	65	163
Hamilton	42	42	59

*5 raised bed parcels

❖ **Contract Classes**

	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
Youth & Adult Totals:	320	349	293	362	206	291	335

❖ **Costa Mesa Senior Center**

- The September 2025 monthly newsletter was provided to 4,909 members. This is an increase of 28 members since August 2025.
- The Costa Mesa Senior Center's Knowledge and Health Fair Expo was held on September 25. This year, the expo featured three event partners — the Automobile Club of Southern California, Alignment Healthcare, and SCAN Health Plan — along with 30 other organizations that provided information about their services and resources. New to the expo this year was the inclusion of two presentations. The Costa Mesa Fire Department led a Hands Only CPR class and Hoag offered a session on Fall Prevention.

Senior Programs	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
Meals on Wheels OC - Meals	1,332	1,286	1,213	1,122	1,367	1,273	1,233
Meals on Wheels OC - Seniors	1,332	1,158	1,255	1,157	1,287	1,261	1,175
Second Harvest Grocery Boxes	420	420	334	371	400	370	410
Wellness Calls	1,788	1,684	2,088	571	617	558	561
Transportation Program Trips	2,380	2,300	2,565	2,404	2,580	2,422	2,568

❖ **Downtown Aquatic Center**

Aquatics Programs	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
Drop-In Participants	125	134	168	204	259	260	135
Total Drop-In Visits	500	553	592	1,016	1,162	917	556
Instructional Class Participants	60	233	258	390	652	232	394
Instructional Class Attendance	326	842	1,305	1,601	2,546	386	969

Newport-Mesa Unified School District Swim Lessons		
	Participants	Attendance
Killybrooke Elementary	34	34
Victoria Elementary	36	34
Total Spectators		20

❖ **Downtown Recreation Center**

	September	
Gym Programs	Participants	Total Visits
Pickleball	136	712
Youth Open Gym	34	55
Basketball	76	247
Volleyball	112	151

❖ Facility Rentals

	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
Number of Rentals	54	39	50	35	37	37	22

❖ Fairview Park

- The City has released the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan Update for public review. The Draft will be available for public comments for a minimum of 30 days. 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 October restoration days will be held on October 11th and October 18th.
- On September 13th, Fairview Park staff hosted a California Biodiversity Day event. Attendees had the option to participate in a guided tour with the Coastal Corridor Alliance or do a self-guided tour with informational videos prepared by City staff.
- The Fairview Park section has initiated a new Fairview Park restoration volunteering opportunity on alternating Fridays. The volunteers are working on a new restoration site. The City currently has openings for a limited number of committed long-term volunteers. Visit the City's Fairview Park website to learn more.

❖ Permits

September - Park Rental Permits			
Park Location	Permits Issued		Park Location
Del Mesa	8		Smallwood
Estancia	3		TeWinkle
Heller	4		Vista
Jordan	1		Wakeham
Shiffer	5		

Film Permits	
	September
Permits Issued for the month	1
Permits at City Facilities	1
Permits at Private Commercial Property	0
Pending Permits on TESSA	2
Total Permits Issued for 2025	22

Special Event Permits	
	September
Permits Issued for the month	8
Permits at City Facilities	4
Permits at Private Commercial Property	4
Pending Permits on TESSA	5
Total Permits Issued for 2025	53

❖ **Youth Programs**

• **L.E.A.P.**

- August 18, 2025 – May 22, 2025
- Held at Balearic Community Center in 2 classrooms of 22
- Operates Monday – Friday from 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Age (Days)	Capacity	September
3-5 year old	44	28

• **R.O.C.K.S Afterschool Program**

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

School Site	Sept.
Adams	28
California	103
College Park	71
Davis	214
Killybrooke	48
Paularino	33
Sonora	41
Victoria	24
Whittier	35

• **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	Sept.
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	90

* ARTventure – 60, Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration – 30

- **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	Sept.
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	17
TeWinkle Middle School	17
Excursions	19
Shuttle Service	Sept.
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	17
Save Our Youth (SOY)	6

Upcoming Events	Dates	Location
Scarecrow Festival	October 11, 2025	Lions Park Event Lawn
Access Costa Mesa Wicked Dance	October 17, 2025	Costa Mesa Senior Center