



# **PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES**

## **COMMISSION REPORT**

MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 12, 2023

ITEM NUMBER: MR – 2.1

**SUBJECT: DIRECTOR’S REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2023**

**DATE: OCTOBER 6, 2023**

**FROM: ALMA REYES, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER**

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### ❖ Community Gardens

Garden Location	Parcel Quantity	Parcels Rented	Waitlisted
Del Mar	57	57	94
Hamilton	42	42	29

### ❖ Contract Classes

	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
Youth & Adult Totals:	183	366	590	407	348	598	339	351

- New classes for September: eSports: Valorant Training Academy, eSports: Fortnite Training Academy Egghead Engineering: Super Structures, Football Skills & Training, Dog Obedience Training

### ❖ Costa Mesa Senior Center

- The August monthly newsletter was mailed to 2,785 members. This is an increase of 101 members since July 2023.
- On August 17, seniors enjoyed international food, games, and raffles at the Costa Mesa Senior Center’s 2nd annual International Food Fair.

Senior Programs	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
Meals on Wheels OC - Meals	3,023	3,465	3,836	3,459	4014	3,196	4,929	3,841
Meals on Wheels OC - Seniors	1,405	1,724	1,879	1,682	1997	1,609	2463	1,941
Second Harvest Grocery Boxes	255	280	246	258	390	134	447	335
Wellness Calls	1,457	1,288	1,412	1,321	759	1,264	1,833	1,256
Transportation Program Trips	758	842	1,169	1,122	1,000	1,164	1,595	705

### ❖ Downtown Recreation Center

August				
Gym Programs	Pickleball	Youth Open Gym	Basketball	Volleyball
Participants	33	17	17	74
Visits	596	50	27	147

❖ **Downtown Aquatic Center**

2022 Aquatics Programs	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
Adult Lap Swim Participants	88	92	124	128	177	456	657	135
Total Lap Swim Visits	305	350	561	458	510	893	994	599
Instructional Class Participants	10	52	64	122	293	427	272	225
Instructional Class Attendance	33	200	442	562	688	1,667	1,257	570

❖ **Facility Rentals**

	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
Number of Rentals	9	19	13	9	15	17	16	16

❖ **Fairview Park**

- The City hosted its Second Saturday restoration day on Saturday, September 9, in partnership with the Fairview Park Alliance, focusing on the vernal pool 5/6/7 coastal sage scrub buffer area. The next Second Saturday restoration day is scheduled for Saturday, October 14.
- The City has partnered with the Banning Ranch Conservancy (BRC) in hosting additional 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. On Saturday, September 16, volunteers from the Banning Ranch Conservancy assisted in non-native plant removal activities. The City and BRC are planning on hosting a coastal sage scrub planting day in Fairview Park on Saturday, October 21.
- The Fairview Park Master Plan Update project team is preparing for its next community outreach session. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for a date in November; time and location details will be provided to the Commission and distributed on the City's social media platforms once meeting details are confirmed.

❖ **Adult Sports**

• **Adult Sports – September**

- Adult Softball League – Operated by Major League Softball
  - Fall 2023 Season began September 17 – December 5 with 89 teams and a total 859 participants enrolled.
- Adult Basketball League – Operated by City Staff
  - Summer 2023 Season began July 10 – September 18
  - Monday nights were enrolled with 6 teams and Wednesday nights were enrolled with 6 teams with a total 125 participants enrolled.
- Senior Softball League – Operated by City Staff
  - Fall 2023 Season began September 16 – December 17 with a total of 22 participants enrolled.

• **Fields**

Field Usage	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
# of Organizations	48	48	48	48	48	48	48	44
Hours	14,241	24,385	26,027	77,983	26,124	11,265.75	12,601	32,222

❖ **Park Reservations**

September				
Park Location	Permits Issued		Park Location	Permits Issued
Brentwood	1		Marina View	2
Canyon	1		Shiffer	4
Del Mesa	6		Smallwood	1
Estancia	4		TeWinkle	21
Heller	4		Wakeham	15

❖ **Youth Programs**

• **1-Day Camp Costa Mesa**

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

Age (Days)	Capacity	Enrolled
September 27	50	46

• **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
- Resumed programming on Monday, September 11, 2023

Day of the Week	Location
Monday	Paularino Park
Tuesday	Shalimar Park
Wednesday	Ketchum-Libolt Park
Thursday	Wilson Park
Weekends	City Events

• **L.E.A.P. Program**

- Fee-based program from August 21, 2023 – May 24, 2024
- Held at Balearic Community Center in 2 classrooms
- Operates Monday – Friday for all ages
- Registration began on July 31, 2023

Age (Days)	Capacity	Enrolled
4-5 year old (M/W/F)	20	18
3-4 year old (T/Th)	20	18

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

- Fee-based program from August 22, 2022 – June 9, 2023
- Registration open now for nine (9) NMUSD school sites
  - No enrollment capacity

School Site	Enrolled
Adams	41
California	111
College Park	47
Davis	180
Killybrooke	51
Paularino	26
Sonora	36
Victoria	53
Whittier	28

- **Youth Sports - Fall Volleyball**

- Free clinic-based instruction at Downtown Recreation Center Gym
- Season: September 12 – November 4, 2023
  - Registration began July 31, 2023

Divisions / Grade level	Capacity	Enrolled
A. 6th - 8th Grade	40	31
B. 4th - 5th Grade	40	13
C. 1st - 3rd Grade	40	34

- **Teen Program**

- Free afterschool care for 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 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	Students
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	68
TeWinkle Middle School	299
Shuttle Service	Students
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	65
Save Our Youth (SOY)	84

- ❖ **Block Parties**

2023 Block Party Permit	
Permits Issued for 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Holiday	9
Permits Issued for Labor Day	1

❖ **Special Event Permits**

September	
Total Permits Issued for 2023	46
Permits Issued for August	4
Permits at City Facilities	2
Permits at Private Commercial Property	3
Pending Permits on TESSA	2

❖ **Film Permits**

September	
Total Permits Issued for 2023	2
Permits issued for August	2
Permits at City Facilities	0
Permits at Private Commercial Property	2
Pending Permits on TESSA	2

Upcoming Events	Dates	Location
Scarecrow Festival	Saturday, October 14	Lions Park Event Lawn
Art Crawl Experience #2	Saturday, October 21	City Hall
Barktoberfest	Saturday, October 21	TeWinkle Park
ARTventure Juried Art Exhibition	October 27 – November 5	Norma Hertzog Community Center (NHCC)
Free Park Performances	Saturday, October 28	Lions Park Event Lawn
Trunk or Treat	Saturday, October 28	Ikea
ARTventure – Community	Saturday, October 28	NHCC
ARTventure – Awards Ceremony	Saturday, October 28	OCMA