



# **PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION REPORT**

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**SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT REPORT – AUGUST 2024**

**DATE: SEPTEMBER 6, 2024**

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## ❖ Adaptive Programming

- **A Night Under the Stars Dance**

- On Friday, August 9 over 70 attendees from all over Orange County, made silly memories at the photo booth, and traded bracelets with new and old friends. It was truly a night to remember so look out for the next dance this October.

## ❖ Adult Sports

- **Adult Sports**

- Softball League – Operated by Major League Softball
  - Fall 2024 begins September 14 – December 15
- Senior Softball League – Operated by City Staff
  - Fall 2024 begins September 14 – December 15

Adult Basketball League - Operated by City Staff

Season YYYY	Duration	Mon. Teams	Wed. Teams	Participant Total
Spring 2024	April 15 – June 26	6	6	139
Summer 2024	July 15 – Sept. 23	5	4	98

- **Fields**

Field Usage	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug
# of Organizations	47	47	47	51	51	51	51
Hours	9,372	25,544	30,035	32,934	14,586	12,688	16,821

## ❖ Community Gardens

Garden Location	Parcel Quantity	Parcels Rented	Waitlisted
Del Mar	57	57	131
Hamilton	42	42	33

❖ **Contract Classes**

	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.
Youth & Adult Totals:	362	328	426	317	329	369	291

❖ **Costa Mesa Senior Center**

- The August 2024 monthly newsletter was mailed to 3926 members. This is an increase of 48 members since July 2024.
- Expert and budding artists alike joined a step-by-step drawing class led by Community Service Leader Lilly Ngov. Participants enjoyed a unique, hands-on experience where they learned simple tricks and techniques to draw the iconic characters Tom & Jerry.

Senior Programs	Feb.	March	May	June	July	Aug.
Meals on Wheels OC - Meals	3,381	3,885	4,416	3,576	1,582	4,216
Meals on Wheels OC - Seniors	1,127	2,002	2,400	1,929	1,493	2,202
Second Harvest Grocery Boxes	398	184	623	501	405	430
Wellness Calls	1,972	1,752	2,146	1,950	2,118	1,692
Transportation Program Trips	1,775	1,656	2,445	1,773	2,413	2,147

❖ **Downtown Aquatics Center**

Aquatics Programs	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.
Drop-In Participants	119	85	47	54	186	174	265
Total Drop-In Visits	481	234	128	146	641	678	961
Instructional Class Participants	27	N/A	N/A	N/A	292	516	782
Instructional Class Attendance	88	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,105	1,705	1,697

❖ **Downtown Recreation Center**

	August	
Gym Programs	Participants	Total Visits
Pickleball	164	747
Youth Open Gym	67	179
Basketball	53	132
Volleyball	128	234

❖ **Facility Rentals**

	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.
Number of Rentals	36	48	47	59	38	41	45

❖ **Fairview Park**

- The City hosted its Second Saturday restoration days on August 10<sup>th</sup>, in partnership with Fairview Park Alliance, focusing on non-native vegetation removal in the vernal pool 5/6/7 buffer area. The next Second Saturday restoration day is scheduled for Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.
- The Fairview Park Master Plan Update project team hosted a Community Workshop on Wednesday, September 4 at the Costa Mesa Senior Center. Approximately 50 community members participated in the workshop. The PowerPoint from this workshop is available at [www.costamesaca.gov/fvpmp](http://www.costamesaca.gov/fvpmp)

❖ **Permits**

August - Park Rental Permits				
Park Location	Permits Issued		Park Location	Permits Issued
Brentwood	1		Smallwood	3
Del Mesa	8		TeWinkle	9
Estancia	4		Vista	4
Heller	2		Wakeham	18
Shiffer	5			

Film Permits	
Permits Issued for August	1
Permits at City Facilities	1
Permits at Private Commercial Property	0
Pending Permits on TESSA	0
Total Permits Issued for 2024	8

Special Event Permits	
Permits Issued for August	4
Permits at City Facilities	2
Permits at Private Commercial Property	2
Pending Permits on TESSA	3
Total Permits Issued for 2024	37

Block Party Permits	
Permits issued for 3 <sup>rd</sup> of July Holiday	1

❖ **Youth Programs**

• **L.E.A.P. Program**

- August 19, 2024 – May 23, 2025
- Held at Balearic Community Center in 2 classrooms of 20
- Operates Monday – Friday for all ages

Age (Days)	Capacity	Aug.
3-5 year old	40	29

• **R.O.C.K.S Afterschool Program**

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

School Site	Aug.
Adams	32
California	132
College Park	69
Davis	194
Killybrooke	61
Paularino	25
Sonora	41
Victoria	50
Whittier	40

• **Summer R.O.C.K.S**

- Free resident summer program from June 10, 2024 – August 16, 2024
- Held at Balearic Community Center and Downtown Recreation Center
- Registration began on May 7, 2024

Balearic Community Center	Enrolled
Session 1 (June 10-July 12)	321
Session 2 (July 15-August 9)	367
Session 3 (August 12-August 16)	358
Downtown Recreation Center	Enrolled
Session 1 (June 10-July 12)	118
Session 2 (July 15-August 9)	131

- **Youth Sports**

- **Happy Feet Running Club**

- Free program teaching short and long-distance running techniques in a fun, non-competitive environment
    - Split into three (3) divisions, with practices held at Balearic Park throughout the week and Fairview Park on Saturdays
    - Season: June 11 – August 3, 2024
    - Season ends with a Fun Run at Fairview Park

Divisions / Grade level	Capacity	Enrolled
A. 6th - 8th Grade	40	35
B. 4th - 5th Grade	40	34
C. 1st - 3rd Grade	40	43

- Happy Feet Running Club concluded their season with a Fun Run on August 3 at Fairview Park. A- and B-Divisions completed a 5K course while C-Division completed a 2.3-mile course. 57 runners endured the heat and completed their course, each receiving a completion medal and lunch provided by Frank's Philadelphia.

- **BeFIT Pickleball**

- Inaugural season
    - Free program teaching fundamentals of Pickleball in a six-week session
    - Split into three (3) divisions, with practices held at Downtown Recreation Center Gym
    - Season: August 27 – October 5, 2024

Divisions / Grade level	Capacity	Enrolled
A. 6th - 8th Grade	20	19
B. 4th - 5th Grade	20	15
C. 1st - 3rd Grade	20	20

- **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	Aug.
Monday	Paularino Park	32
Tuesday	Shalimar Park	11
Wednesday	Ketchum-Libolt Park	6
Thursday	Wilson Park	8
Weekends	City Events	2,500

- **Summer Camp Costa Mesa**
  - Fee-based program during NMUSD’s summer recess
  - Held at Estancia Park
  - Registration began on May 7, 2024

Week #	Capacity	Enrolled
1 (June 10-June 14)	90	90
2 (June 17-June 21)	90	62
3 (June 24-June 28)	90	66
4 (July 1-July 5)	90	40
5 (July 8-July 12)	90	77
6 (July 15-July 19)	90	77
7 (July 22-July 26)	90	90
8 (July 29-August 2)	90	90
9 (August 5-August 9)	90	90

- **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	Aug.
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	69
TeWinkle Middle School	93
Shuttle Service	Aug.
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	54
Save Our Youth (SOY)	58

- **Teen Camp**
  - Fee-based program during NMUSD’s summer recess
  - Held at Downtown Recreation Center

Week #	Capacity	Enrolled
1 (June 10-June 14)	27	16
2 (June 17-June 21)	27	23
3 (June 24-June 28)	27	27
4 (July 1-July 5)	27	26
5 (July 8-July 12)	27	25
6 (July 15-July 19)	27	25
7 (July 22-July 26)	27	27
8 (July 29-August 2)	27	27
9 (August 5-August 9)	27	27

Upcoming Events	Dates	Location
Community Arts Day	Saturday, September 14	Norma Hertzog Community Center
ARTventure Juried Art Exhibition	September 14 to 22	Norma Hertzog Community Center
ARTventure Awards Ceremony	Saturday, September 21	Orange County Museum of Arts
Health Fair	Thursday, September 26	Costa Mesa Senior Center
Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration	Saturday, September 28	Norma Hertzog Community Center