



PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION REPORT

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❖ **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	176

• **Fields**

Field Usage	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July
# of Organizations	52	52	52	53	54	54	54	54
Hours	15,566	9,761	21,216	31,072	42,384	50,660	16,889	11,072

❖ **Community Gardens**

Garden Location	Parcel Quantity	Parcels Rented	Waitlisted
Del Mar	57	57	60
Hamilton	42	42	158

❖ **Contract Classes**

	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July
Youth & Adult Totals:	199	337	290	320	349	293	362	206

❖ **Costa Mesa Senior Center**

- The June 2025 monthly newsletter was mailed to 4,713 members. This is an increase of 97 members since May 2025.
- On June 26 the Costa Mesa Senior Center hosted it's annual Independence Day Celebration. Seniors enjoyed a barbecue chicken lunch, live music, games and fellowship. A special thanks to the Costa Mesa Fire Department, Costa Mesa Police Department, and the City Manager's office for assisting to serve meals at the event.
- The July 2025 monthly newsletter was mailed to 4,795 members. This is an increase of 82 members since June 2025.
- The Costa Mesa Senior Center is accepting vendor registrations through August 22 for the 10th Annual Knowledge and Health Fair Expo, taking place on September 25 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For vendor registration information, please visit www.costamesaca.gov/seniorcenter.

Senior Programs	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July
Meals on Wheels OC - Meals	1,234	1,250	1,297	1,332	1,286	1,213	1,122	1,367
Meals on Wheels OC - Seniors	1,169	1,235	1,130	1,332	1,158	1,255	1,157	1,287
Second Harvest Grocery Boxes	208	395	367	420	420	334	371	400
Wellness Calls	1,769	2,179	1,868	1,788	1,684	2,088	571	617
Transportation Program Trips	2,082	2,101	2,149	2,380	2,300	2,565	2,404	2,580

❖ **Downtown Aquatic Center**

Aquatics Programs	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July
Drop-In Participants	87	87	98	125	134	168	204	259
Total Drop-In Visits	326	322	363	500	553	592	1,016	1,162
Instructional Class Participants	0	6	5	60	233	258	390	652
Instructional Class Attendance	0	27	31	326	842	1,305	1,601	2,546

❖ **Downtown Recreation Center**

	June		July	
Gym Programs	Participants	Total Visits	Participants	Total Visits
Pickleball	134	646	149	824
Youth Open Gym	72	239	77	256
Basketball	53	136	59	147
Volleyball	104	134	74	103

❖ **Facility Rentals**

	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July
Number of Rentals	32	34	35	54	39	50	35	37

❖ **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 August 9th, and the next third Saturday restoration day is scheduled for August 16th.
- 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
- New technical reports have been completed and published on the City's website as part of the Fairview Park Master Plan Update. Please see the below link to the project website to review these reports, which can be found under the Technical Reports section. <https://www.costamesaca.gov/fvpmp>

❖ **Permits**

June - Park Rental Permits			
Park Location	Permits Issued		Park Location
Canyon	1		Shiffer
Del Mesa	7		Smallwood
Estancia	1		Tanager
Gisler	1		TeWinkle
Heller	4		Vista
Pinkley	1		Wakeham

July - Park Rental Permits			
Park Location	Permits Issued		Park Location
Del Mesa	7		Smallwood
Estancia	1		TeWinkle
Heller	5		Vista
Jordan	1		Wakeham
Shiffer	15		

Film Permits		
	June	July
Permits Issued for the month	0	1
Permits at City Facilities	0	1
Permits at Private Commercial Property	0	0
Pending Permits on TESSA	0	0
Total Permits Issued for 2025	20	21

Special Event Permits		
	June	July
Permits Issued for the month	9	9
Permits at City Facilities	2	5
Permits at Private Commercial Property	7	4
Pending Permits on TESSA	7	11
Total Permits Issued for 2025	35	43

❖ **Youth Programs**

- **Camp Mini Explorers**

- June 9, 2024 – July 18, 2025
- Held at Balearic Community Center in 2 classrooms of 22
- Operates Monday – Friday from 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Age (Days)	Capacity	June
3-5 year old	44	44

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

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

School Site	June
Adams	21
California	116
College Park	64
Davis	168
Killybrooke	53
Paularino	33
Sonora	44
Victoria	30
Whittier	40

- **Summer R.O.C.K.S**

- Free resident summer program from June 9 – August 15, 2025
- Held at Balearic Community Center and Downtown Recreation Center

Balearic Community Center	Enrolled
Session 1 (June 9 - July 11)	273
Session 2 (July 14 - August 8)	301
Session 3 (August 11 - 15)	272
Session 1 (June 9 - July 11)	Enrolled
Session 1 (June 9 - July 11)	98
Session 2 (July 14 - August 8)	119

- **Summer Camp Costa Mesa**

- Fee-based program during NMUSD's summer recess: June 9 – August 8, 2025
- Held at Estancia Park

Week #	Capacity	Enrolled	Waitlist
1 (June 9 - June 13)	90	90	8
2 (June 16 - June 20)	90	90	9
3 (June 23 - June 27)	90	46	—
4 (June 30 - July 3)	90	49	—
5 (July 7 - July 11)	90	47	—
6 (July 14 - July 18)	90	51	—
7 (July 21 - July 25)	90	90	32
8 (July 28 - August 1)	90	90	30
9 (August 4 - August 8)	90	90	34

- **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	June	July
Monday	Lions Park Event Lawn	38	19
Tuesday	Lions Park Event Lawn	44	24
Wednesday	Lions Park Event Lawn	30	26
Thursday	Lions Park Event Lawn	34	21
Weekends	City Events	500	550

*Movies in the Park, Independence Day Celebration, Concerts in the Park

- **Youth Sports**

- **Happy Feet Running Club**

- Free clinic-based instruction at the Balearic Community Center and Fairview Park
 - Season: June 10 – August 2, 2025
 - End-of-season Fun Run on Saturday, August 2, 2025 at Fairview Park

Divisions / Grade level	Capacity	Enrolled
A. 6th - 8th Grade	40	39
B. 4th - 5th Grade	40	28
C. 1st - 3rd Grade	40	41

- **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	June
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	135
TeWinkle Middle School	-
Excursions	-
Shuttle Service	June
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	-
Save Our Youth (SOY)	29

- **Teen Camp**

- Fee-based program during NMUSD's summer recess: June 9 – August 8, 2025
 - Held at Downtown Recreation Center

Week #	Capacity	Enrolled	Waitlist
1 (June 9 - June 13)	27	24	-
2 (June 16 - June 20)	27	27	2
3 (June 23 - June 27)	27	27	11
4 (June 30 - July 3)	27	26	15
5 (July 7 - July 11)	27	27	22
6 (July 14 - July 18)	27	27	17
7 (July 21 - July 25)	27	27	17
8 (July 28 - August 1)	27	27	15
9 (August 4 - August 8)	27	27	13

Upcoming Events	Dates	Location
Teen Dive-In Movie Night	August 22, 2025	Downtown Aquatic Center
Community Arts Day ARTventure	September 13, 2025	Norma Hertzog Community Center
Knowledge & Health Fair Expo	September 25, 2025	Costa Mesa Senior Center
Poetry Workshop	August 16, 2025	Mesa Verde Library
Poetry in the Parks	August 25, 2025	Various Parks