



PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION REPORT

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❖ **Adult Sports**

• **Adult Sports**

- Softball League – Operated by Major League Softball
 - Fall 2025 begins 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	0	0

• **Fields**

Field Usage	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	July	Aug.
# of Organizations	52	53	54	54	54	54	54	59
Hours	21,216	31,072	42,384	50,660	16,889	11,072	11,072	20,128

❖ **Community Gardens**

Garden Location	Parcel Quantity	Parcels Rented	Waitlisted
Del Mar	57	57	161
Hamilton	42	42	58

❖ **Contract Classes**

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.
Youth & Adult Totals:	337	290	320	349	293	362	206	291

❖ **Costa Mesa Senior Center**

- The August 2025 monthly newsletter was mailed to 4,881. This is an increase of 168 members since July 2025.
- The Costa Mesa Senior Center's Knowledge and Health Fair Expo vendor registration closed on August 22. This year, the center welcomes three event partners — the Automobile Club of Southern California, Alignment Healthcare, and SCAN Health Plan — along with 30 other organizations that will be providing information about their services and resources. The expo will take place on Thursday, September 25, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and promises to be an engaging and informative event for the community.

Senior Programs	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.
Meals on Wheels OC - Meals	1,250	1,297	1,332	1,286	1,213	1,122	1,367	1,273
Meals on Wheels OC - Seniors	1,235	1,130	1,332	1,158	1,255	1,157	1,287	1,261
Second Harvest Grocery Boxes	395	367	420	420	334	371	400	370
Wellness Calls	2,179	1,868	1,788	1,684	2,088	571	617	558
Transportation Program Trips	2,101	2,149	2,380	2,300	2,565	2,404	2,580	2,422

❖ **Downtown Aquatic Center**

Aquatics Programs	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.
Drop-In Participants	87	98	125	134	168	204	259	260
Total Drop-In Visits	322	363	500	553	592	1,016	1,162	917
Instructional Class Participants	6	5	60	233	258	390	652	232
Instructional Class Attendance	27	31	326	842	1,305	1,601	2,546	386

❖ **Downtown Recreation Center**

	August	
Gym Programs	Participants	Total Visits
Pickleball	134	776
Youth Open Gym	70	159
Basketball	65	173
Volleyball	68	121

❖ **Facility Rentals**

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.
Number of Rentals	34	35	54	39	50	35	37	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 third Saturday restoration day is scheduled for September 20th.
- This month, instead of a 2nd Saturday restoration event, Fairview Park will be hosting a California Biodiversity Day event on Saturday, September 13th. Attendees have the option to register for a guided tour with the Coastal Corridor Alliance or do a self-guided tour put together by City staff. Attendees can also make 30 iNaturalist observations to receive a prize.
- 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.
- 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

August - Park Rental Permits				
Park Location	Permits Issued		Park Location	Permits Issued
Del Mesa	5		Tanager	1
Estancia	3		TeWinkle	10
Heller	3		Vista	3
Mesa Verde	1		Wakeham	11
Smallwood	1			

Film Permits	
	August
Permits Issued for the month	0
Permits at City Facilities	0
Permits at Private Commercial Property	0
Pending Permits on TESSA	2
Total Permits Issued for 2025	21

Special Event Permits	
	August
Permits Issued for the month	4
Permits at City Facilities	2
Permits at Private Commercial Property	2
Pending Permits on TESSA	8
Total Permits Issued for 2025	50

❖ **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	August
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	August
Adams	26
California	101
College Park	68
Davis	217
Killybrooke	47
Paularino	31
Sonora	41
Victoria	26
Whittier	35

• **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)	304
Session 3 (August 11 - 15)	332
Session 1 (June 9 - July 11)	Enrolled
Session 1 (June 9 - July 11)	98
Session 2 (July 14 - August 8)	120

- **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	31
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	Aug.
Monday	Lions Park Event Lawn	11
Tuesday	Lions Park Event Lawn	9
Wednesday	Lions Park Event Lawn	14
Thursday	Lions Park Event Lawn	13
Weekends	City Events	115

*Movies in the Park, Back-to-School Fresh

- **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
- Concluded their season with a Fun Run on August 2 at Fairview Park. A- and B-Divisions completed a 5K course while C-Division completed a 2.3-mile course. 65 runners endured the heat and completed their course, each receiving a completion medal and lunch provided by Frank's Philadelphia.

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	Aug.
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	17
TeWinkle Middle School	16
Excursions	48
Shuttle Service	June
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	17
Save Our Youth (SOY)	6

- **Teen Camp**

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- 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
Community Arts Day ARTventure	September 13, 2025	Norma Hertzog Community Center
Knowledge & Health Fair Expo	September 25, 2025	Costa Mesa Senior Center
Scarecrow Festival	October 11, 2025	Lions Park Event Lawn
Access Costa Mesa Wicked Dance	October 17, 2025	Costa Mesa Senior Center