



PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION REPORT

MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 8, 2024

ITEM NUMBER: MR – 2.2

SUBJECT: DIRECTOR'S REPORT – JANUARY 2024

DATE: FEBRUARY 5, 2024

FROM: ALMA REYES, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER

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❖ Adaptive Programming

- Access Costa Mesa hosted a Conversation Over Coffee event on Saturday, January 27 at Blackmarket Bakery at The Camp in Costa Mesa. Program staff met with community members to discuss community interest in additional inclusive, adaptive, and accessible programs. Blackmarket Bakery graciously donated drink coupons for a free drip coffee, tea, lemonade, or soda to Access Costa Mesa and our community members involved in the Conversation.

❖ Adult Sports

- Adult Sports**

- Softball League – Operated by Major League Softball
 - Spring 2024 begins Feb. 1 – April 29
- Senior Softball League – Operated by City Staff
 - Spring 2024 begins Feb. 1 – Aug. 3

Adult Basketball League - Operated by City Staff				
Season YYYY	Duration	Mon. Teams	Wed. Teams	Participant Total
Winter 2024	Jan. 8 - March 25	6	5	106

- Fields**

Field Usage	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
# of Organizations	48	48	44	44	44	44	47
Hours	11,265.75	12,601	32,222	18,418	13,462	11,978	6,443

❖ Community Gardens

Garden Location	Parcel Quantity	Parcels Rented	Waitlisted
Del Mar	57	57	110
Hamilton	42	42	26

❖ Contract Classes

	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
Youth & Adult Totals:	598	339	351	393	291	132	356

- New Classes for December: Code Your Own Robot in Minecraft, Modding with Minecraft, Become a Youtuber, College Affordability and Financial Aid (free), Keep Calm and Make a Plan: An Overview of the College Application Process (free)

❖ Costa Mesa Senior Center

- The January monthly newsletter was mailed to 3,131 members. This is an increase of 110 members since December 2023.
- On January 11 Senior Center Members welcomed the new year and indulged in a hot cup of cocoa with the works that included marshmallows, peppermint, and whipped cream. Members also had a choice of delicious pastry and enjoyed fellowship.

Senior Programs	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
Meals on Wheels OC - Meals	3,196	4,929	3,841	4,075	4,511	4,098	3,528
Meals on Wheels OC - Seniors	1,609	2463	1,941	2,084	2,245	2,018	1,732
Second Harvest Grocery Boxes	134	447	335	174	330	347	180
Wellness Calls	1,264	1,833	1,256	1,652	1,741	1,711	1,356
Transportation Program Trips	1,164	1,595	705	743	1,453	1,374	1,079

❖ Downtown Aquatics Center

Aquatics Programs	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
Adult Lap Swim Participants	456	657	135	114	106	90	119
Total Lap Swim Visits	510	893	994	599	508	445	441
Instructional Class Participants	293	427	272	225	176	N/A	N/A
Instructional Class Attendance	688	1,667	1,257	570	196	N/A	N/A

❖ Facility Rentals

	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
Number of Rentals	17	16	16	19	24	17	33

❖ Fairview Park

- 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 Spring 2024; time and location details will be provided to the Commission and distributed on the City's social media platforms once meeting details are confirmed.
- The City hosted its Second Saturday restoration day on Saturday, January 13, in partnership with the 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, February 10.

- The City has partnered with the Banning Ranch Conservancy (BRC) in hosting 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. The next third Saturday restoration day is scheduled for Saturday, February 17.

❖ **Permits**

Park Rental Permits			
Park Location	Permits Issued	Park Location	Permits Issued
Del Mesa	1	Heller	4
Estancia	2	Tanager	1
Fairview	2	TeWinkle	13
Gisler	1	Wakeham	2

Film Permits	
Permits Issued for January	2
Permits at City Facilities	0
Permits at Private Commercial Property	2
Pending Permits on TESSA	3
Total Permits Issued for 2024	2

Special Event Permits	
Permits Issued for January	2
Permits at City Facilities	0
Permits at Private Commercial Property	2
Pending Permits on TESSA	5
Total Permits Issued for 2024	2

❖ **Youth Programs**

- **L.E.A.P. Program**
 - August 21, 2023 – May 24, 2024
 - Held at Balearic Community Center in 2 classrooms
 - Operates Monday – Friday for all ages

Age (Days)	Capacity	January
4-5 year old	20	14
3-4 year old	20	20

- **R.O.C.K.S Afterschool Program**
 - August 22, 2023 – June 9, 2024
 - Registration open now for nine (9) NMUSD school sites

School Site	January
Adams	43
California	102
College Park	47
Davis	165
Killybrooke	58
Paularino	26
Sonora	39
Victoria	48
Whittier	35

- **Youth Sports**
 - **Basketball**
 - Free clinic-based instruction at the Downtown Recreation Center Gym
 - Season: January 16 – March 16, 2024

Divisions / Grade level	Capacity	Enrolled
A. 6th - 8th Grade	40	25
B. 4th - 5th Grade	40	28
C. 1st - 3rd Grade	40	40

- **Cheer**
 - Free clinic-based instruction at the Balearic Community Center
 - Season: January 17 – March 16, 2024

Divisions / Grade level	Capacity	Enrolled
A. 6th - 8th Grade	40	2
B. 4th - 5th Grade	40	20
C. 1st - 3rd Grade	40	38

- **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

Day of the Week	Location	Monthly Attendance
Monday	Paularino Park	20
Tuesday	Shalimar Park	0
Wednesday	Ketchum-Libolt Park	2
Thursday	Wilson Park	0
Weekends	City Events	N/A

- **Camp Costa Mesa**

- **1-Day Camp**

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

Age (Days)	Capacity	Enrolled
October 25	50	28
November 1	50	46

- **Winter Camp**

- Occurs during NMUSD winter recess
- Held at Balearic Community Center
- Registration began on October 31, 2023

Week/Dates	Capacity	Enrolled
Week 1: December 26-29	50	50
Week 2: January 2-5	50	50

- **Teen Program**

- Free afterschool care for 7th - 12th 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	January
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	61
TeWinkle Middle School	241
Shuttle Service	January
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	61
Save Our Youth (SOY)	63

Upcoming Events	Dates	Location
Lunar New Year Social	Thursday, February 8	Costa Mesa Senior Center
A Friendship Dance	Friday, February 9	Costa Mesa Senior Center
Spring Fest	Saturday, March 30	Lions Park Event Lawn
Spring Bark Bash	Saturday, April 13	Costa Mesa Dog Park