



PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION REPORT

MEETING DATE: MARCH 14, 2024

ITEM NUMBER: MR – 2.2

SUBJECT: DIRECTOR’S REPORT – FEBRUARY 2024

DATE: MARCH 11, 2024

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❖ Adaptive Programming

- **Forever in our Friendship Era**
 - Access Costa Mesa hosted a Friendship Dance on Friday, February 9 at the Costa Mesa Senior Center and it felt like the perfect night. Over 30 attendees made and traded friendship bracelets, danced the night away to beats spun by DJ Noah, and made more friends (in our place, where we make the rules). If you missed the epic night, join us for the next dance on Friday, April 19 as we embrace our wildest dreams in a Wild and Wacky fashion that will never go out of style.

❖ 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 – Mar. 25	6	5	106

- **Fields**

Field Usage	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
# of Organizations	48	48	44	44	44	44	47	47
Hours	11,265.75	12,601	32,222	18,418	13,462	11,978	6,443	9,372

❖ Community Gardens

Garden Location	Parcel Quantity	Parcels Rented	Waitlisted
Del Mar	57	57	117
Hamilton	42	42	27

❖ **Contract Classes**

	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
Youth & Adult Totals:	598	339	351	393	291	132	356	362

- New classes for February: Go to College Abroad: Save Time and Money with This Once in a Lifetime Experience (Free), Build a College List That Rocks (Free)

❖ **Costa Mesa Senior Center**

- The February monthly newsletter was mailed to 3,207 members. This is an increase of 124 members since January 2024.
- On February 8, Senior Center Members celebrated Lunar New Year with delicious dumplings from Din Tai Fung and green tea. 80 seniors stopped by the sunroom to celebrate and to have fellowship with their friends and CMSC staff.

Senior Programs	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
Meals on Wheels OC - Meals	3,196	4,929	3,841	4,075	4,511	4,098	3,528	3,381
Meals on Wheels OC - Seniors	1,609	2463	1,941	2,084	2,245	2,018	1,732	1,127
Second Harvest Grocery Boxes	134	447	335	174	330	347	180	398
Wellness Calls	1,264	1,833	1,256	1,652	1,741	1,711	1,356	1,972
Transportation Program Trips	1,164	1,595	705	743	1,453	1,374	1,079	1,775

❖ **Downtown Aquatics Center**

Aquatics Programs	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
Adult Lap Swim Participants	456	657	135	114	106	90	119	119
Total Lap Swim Visits	510	893	994	599	508	445	441	481
Instructional Class Participants	293	427	272	225	176	N/A	N/A	27
Instructional Class Attendance	688	1,667	1,257	570	196	N/A	N/A	88

❖ **Facility Rentals**

	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
Number of Rentals	17	16	16	19	24	17	33	36

❖ **Fairview Park**

- The Fairview Park Master Plan Update project team is preparing for its next community outreach session. The next meeting is anticipated to be held 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, March 9, 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, April 13.
- 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, March 16.

❖ **Permits**

Park Rental Permits				
Park Location	Permits Issued		Park Location	Permits Issued
Del Mesa	2		Smallwood	2
Estancia	3		Tanager	1
Heller	3		TeWinkle	14
Pinkley	1		Vista	2
Shiffer	2		Wakeham	4

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

Special Event Permits	
Permits Issued for February	2
Permits at City Facilities	1
Permits at Private Commercial Property	0
Pending Permits on TESSA	8
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 of 20
- Operates Monday – Friday for all ages

Age (Days)	Capacity	January	February
3-5 year old	40	34	37

- **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	February
Adams	43	39
California	102	103
College Park	47	44
Davis	165	160
Killybrooke	58	59
Paularino	26	25
Sonora	39	37
Victoria	48	47
Whittier	35	37

- **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	27
B. 4th - 5th Grade	40	27
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	36
Tuesday	Shalimar Park	11
Wednesday	Ketchum-Libolt Park	6
Thursday	Wilson Park	3
Weekends	City Events	N/A

- **Camp Costa Mesa**

- **Presidents Camp**

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

Dates	Capacity	Enrolled
February 20-23, 2024	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	February
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	61	41
TeWinkle Middle School	241	167
Shuttle Service	January	February
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	61	41
Save Our Youth (SOY)	63	39

Upcoming Events	Dates	Location
Spring Fest	Saturday, March 30	Lions Park Event Lawn
Wild & Wacky Dance	Friday, April 19	Costa Mesa Senior Center
Color Wars! Capture the Flag for Teens	Thursday, April 27	Downtown Recreation Center