



PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION REPORT

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❖ **Adult Sports**

• **Adult Sports**

- Softball League – Operated by Major League Softball
 - Fall 20206 began August 31 – December 3
- Senior Softball League – Operated by City Staff
 - Spring 2026 begins August 29 – December 5

• **Fields**

Field Usage	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.
# of Organizations	61	61	61	61	61	61	62
Hours	29,409	52,574	48,628	44,436	44,436	44,436	18,889

❖ **Community Gardens**

Garden Location	Parcel Quantity	Parcels Rented	Waitlisted
Del Mar	65*	65	193
Hamilton	42	42	70

*5 raised bed parcels

❖ **Contract Classes**

	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.
Youth & Adult Totals:	304	316	352	280	317	374	313

- New classes introduced for June and July: Kids Dance and Rhythm, Adult International Dance

❖ Costa Mesa Senior Center

- The competition was fierce at the Costa Mesa Senior Center on August 20, 2026, as members battled it out in a qualifying billiards tournament for the chance to represent Costa Mesa in the second annual Tri-City Billiards Tournament.
- After two days of intense, grueling matches, six skilled competitors emerged victorious, along with two alternates ready to step in if needed. These players will proudly represent the Costa Mesa Senior Center when they travel to Westminster Senior Center on September 23 to face off against teams from Westminster and Fountain Valley.
- With bragging rights—and Tri-City glory—on the line, our Costa Mesa competitors are ready to chalk up, break, and show the other cities what our Senior Center can do!

Senior Programs	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.
Meals on Wheels OC - Meals	1,190	1,457	1,449	1,279	1,356	1,467	1,548
Meals on Wheels OC - Seniors	1,153	1,417	1,353	1,188	1,274	1,387	1,496
Second Harvest Grocery Boxes	425	460	450	440	440	440	480
Wellness Calls	1,301	985	760	784	877	757	768
Transportation Program Trips	1,701	1,838	1,754	1,477	1,558	681	505

❖ Downtown Aquatic Center

Aquatics Programs	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.
Drop-In Participants	43	121	120	123	202	284	228
Total Drop-In Visits	437	608	523	530	750	1,172	1,012
Instructional Class Participants	49	184	266	199	318	549	190
Instructional Class Attendance	207	695	983	741	1,507	1,803	547

NMUSD Swim Lessons	Aug.
Voucher Participants	N/A
Voucher Attendance	N/A

Aqua Camp	Aug.
Instructional Class Participants	30
Instructional Class Attendance	110

❖ Downtown Recreation Center

	Aug.	
Gym Programs	Participants	Total Visits
Pickleball	153	739
Youth Open Gym	43	115
Basketball	81	271
Volleyball	121	229

❖ Facility Rentals

	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.
Number of Rentals	28	37	31	36	39	27	39

- Roof construction completed
- NHCC served as a voting center from May 30th – June 2nd

❖ Fairview Park

- On August 14th, the City hosted a Bats and Bugs night at Fairview Park, featuring a bat biologist who brought live bats, with approximately 70 total participants.
- On Saturday, September 12th from 10am-2pm, Fairview Park will be hosting a California Biodiversity Day. The community can come enjoy a nature-themed book exchange, a self-guided audio tour of the park, and games.
- The City continues to offer multiple volunteer opportunities for participants to partake in hands-on habitat restoration activities at Fairview Park, in partnership with local non-profit organizations. Please see the table below for the upcoming August scheduled activities.

	Restoration Volunteer Dates	
	Date	Time
Every Thursday	9/3, 9/10, 9/17, 9/24	7:00 AM
Every other Friday	9/4, 9/11, 9/18, 9/25	9 AM – 12 PM
2nd Saturdays of the month	9/12	9 AM – 11 AM
3rd Saturdays of the month	9/19	9 AM – 11:30 AM

- For more volunteer information and registration links, visit:
<https://www.costamesaca.gov/community/fairview-park/volunteer-opportunities>

❖ Permits

August - Park Rental Permits				
Park Location	Permits Issued		Park Location	Permits Issued
rentwood	3		Shiffer	8
Canyon	2		Smallwood	4
Del Mesa	10		TeWinkle	9
Estancia	4		Vista	4
Heller	5		Wakeham	15

Film Permits	
	Aug.
Permits Issued for the month	1
Permits at City Facilities	1
Permits at Private Commercial Property	0
Pending Permits on TESSA	0
Total Permits Issued for 2026	15

Special Event Permits	
	Aug.
Permits Issued for the month	7
Permits at City Facilities	5
Permits at Private Commercial Property	2
Pending Permits on TESSA	7
Total Permits Issued for 2025	34

❖ **Youth Programs**

• **L.E.A.P.**

- August 17, 2026 – May 21, 2027
- Held at Balearic Community Center in 2 classrooms of 22
- Operates Monday – Friday from 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Age (Days)	Capacity	Aug.
3-5 year old	44	13

• **R.O.C.K.S Afterschool Program**

- August 17, 2026 – June 3, 2027
- Registration open now for nine (9) NMUSD school sites

School Site	Aug.
Adams	24
California	125
College Park	33
Davis	193
Killybrooke	40
Paularino	42
Sonora	36
Victoria	41
Whittier	36

• **Summer R.O.C.K.S**

- Free resident summer program from June 8 – August 14, 2026
- Held at Balearic Community Center and Downtown Recreation Center
- Operates Monday – Friday from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Balearic Community Center	Enrolled
Session 1 (June 8 - July 10)	302
Session 2 (July 13 – August 7)	348
Session 3 (June 8 - July 10)	361
Downtown Recreation Center	
Session 1 (June 8 - July 10)	157
Session 2 (July 13 – August 7)	182

- **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	Shalimar Drive	14
Tuesday	Lions Park Event Lawn	10
Wednesday	Lions Park Event Lawn	10
Thursday	Lions Park Event Lawn	19
Friday	Shalimar Drive	19
Weekends	City Events*	225

- Community Idea Workshop (8/7), Movies in the Park (8/8), Back 2 School Fresh (8/15)

- **Youth Sports**

- **Happy Feet Running Club**

- Free clinic-based instruction at the Balearic Community Center
- Season: June 8 – August 1, 2026
- End-of-season Fun Run on Saturday, August 1, 2026

Divisions / Grade level	Capacity	Enrolled
A. 6th - 8th Grade	40	38
B. 4th - 5th Grade	40	30
C. 1st - 3rd Grade	40	36

- **Summer Camp Costa Mesa**

- Fee-based program during NMUSD's summer recess: June 8, 2026 – August 7, 2026
- Held at Estancia Park

Week #	Capacity	Enrolled	Waitlist
1 June 8 - June 12	70	70	13
2 June 15 - June 18	70	70	12
3 June 22 - June 26	70	70	22
4 June 29 - July 2	70	70	18
5 July 6 - July 10	70	70	23
6 July 13 - July 17	70	70	27
7 July 20 - July 24	70	70	50
8 July 27 – July 31	70	70	39
9 August 3 - August 7	70	70	30

- **Teen Program**

- Free afterschool care for 7th - 12th grades
- 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)
- NMUSD end of school year was on June 4, 2026

Program Location	Aug.
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	138
TeWinkle Middle School	102
Shuttle Service	Aug.
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	132
Save Our Youth (SOY)	102

Upcoming Events	Dates	Location
ARTventure – Awards Ceremony	Saturday, September 12	Lions Park Event Lawn & Norma Hertzog Community Center
Hispanic Heritage Month	Saturday, September 19	Lions Park Event Lawn
Scarecrow Festival	Saturday, October 10	Lions Park Event Lawn
Access Costa Mesa Spooks and Spirits Dance Party	Friday, October 23	Norma Hertzog Community Center