



# **PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION REPORT**

MEETING DATE: May 14, 2026

ITEM NUMBER: CC 2

**SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT REPORT – MARCH AND APRIL 2026**

**DATE: MAY 7, 2026**

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## ❖ Adult Sports

### • Adult Sports

- Softball League – Operated by Major League Softball
  - Spring 20206 began January 12 – April 2
- Senior Softball League – Operated by City Staff
  - Spring 2026 began January 3 – August 3

Adult Basketball League - Operated by City Staff				
Season YYYY	Duration	Mon. Teams	Wed. Teams	Participant Total
Fall 2025	Sept. 15 – Dec. 1	8	0	96
Winter 2025	Feb. 2 – Apr. 13	5	6	95

### • Fields

Field Usage	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April
# of Organizations	59	59	59	61	61	61		
Hours	38,324	44,499	25,745	21,615	17,073	29,409		

## ❖ Community Gardens

Garden Location	Parcel Quantity	Parcels Rented	Waitlisted
Del Mar	65*	65	181
Hamilton	42	42	57

\*5 raised bed parcels

## ❖ Contract Classes

	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April
Youth & Adult Totals:	406	311	237	237	304		

❖ **Costa Mesa Senior Center**

- The February 2026 monthly newsletter was provided to 5,355 members. This is an increase of 87 members since January 2026.
- On February 17, the Costa Mesa Senior Center rang in Lunar New Year with an afternoon social. Seniors enjoyed tea, sweet treats from Thanh Tai Bakery, and bingo. Seniors also had a chance to write a wish on the 2026 wishing wall.

Senior Programs	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April
Meals on Wheels OC - Meals	1,375	1,233	1,233	1,287	1,190		
Meals on Wheels OC - Seniors	1,172	1,175	1,175	1,119	1,153		
Second Harvest Grocery Boxes	400	415	208	435	425		
Wellness Calls	875	557	540	844	1,301		
Transportation Program Trips	2,731	2,199	2,495	2,873	1,701		

❖ **Downtown Aquatic Center**

Aquatics Programs	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April
Drop-In Participants	126	126	109	113	43		
Total Drop-In Visits	529	556	410	439	437		
Instructional Class Participants	100	N/A	N/A	N/A	49		
Instructional Class Attendance	703	N/A	N/A	N/A	207		

\* Instructional classes closed during winter season.

❖ **Downtown Recreation Center**

Gym Programs	March		April	
	Participants	Total Visits	Participants	Total Visits
Pickleball	142	696		
Youth Open Gym	105	245		
Basketball	85	234		
Volleyball	37	61		

❖ **Facility Rentals**

	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April
Number of Rentals	30	39	33	32	28		

- Construction on the NHCC started on January 26, 2026. Construction will run through the end of April and will take place Monday – Friday from 7am – 3pm.

❖ **Fairview Park**

- City Council provided direction on the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan Update during the December 2, 2025, City Council meeting. The consultant is currently preparing the CEQA documentation for the project. The CEQA document and updated Draft will be posted on the project website upon completion of the CEQA analysis. Please visit the link below to review the Draft and other project information: <https://www.costamesaca.gov/fvpmp>

	Restoration Volunteer Dates		
	Date	Time	Partnership
<b>Every Thursday</b>	3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26	7:00 AM	Coastal Corridor Alliance
<b>Every other Friday</b>	3/6, 3/20	9 AM – 12 PM	City Ran
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays of the month</b>	3/14	9 AM – 11 AM	Fairview Park Alliance
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of the month</b>	3/21	9 AM – 11:30 AM	Coastal Corridor Alliance

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

❖ **Permits**

March - Park Rental Permits				
Park Location	Permits Issued		Park Location	Permits Issued
Canyon	1		Tanager	1
Del Mesa	2		TeWinkle	11
Heller	2		Vista	1
Shiffer	1		Wakeham	3
Smallwood	2			

April - Park Rental Permits				
Park Location	Permits Issued		Park Location	Permits Issued
Canyon	1		Tanager	1
Del Mesa	2		TeWinkle	11
Heller	2		Vista	1
Shiffer	1		Wakeham	3
Smallwood	2			

Film Permits		
	March	April
Permits Issued for the month		
Permits at City Facilities		
Permits at Private Commercial Property		
Pending Permits on TESSA		
Total Permits Issued for 2025		

Special Event Permits		
	March	April
Permits Issued for the month		
Permits at City Facilities		
Permits at Private Commercial Property		
Pending Permits on TESSA		
Total Permits Issued for 2025		

❖ **Youth Programs**

• **L.E.A.P.**

- August 18, 2025 – May 22, 2026
- Held at Balearic Community Center in 2 classrooms of 22
- Operates Monday – Friday from 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Age (Days)	Capacity	March	April
3-5 year old	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	March	April
Adams		
California		
College Park		
Davis		
Killybrooke		
Paularino		
Sonora		
Victoria		
Whittier		

• **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	March	April
Monday	Lions Park Event Lawn	N/A	
Tuesday	Lions Park Event Lawn	N/A	
Wednesday	Lions Park Event Lawn	N/A	
Thursday	Lions Park Event Lawn	N/A	
Weekends	City Events	N/A	

- **Youth Sports**

- **BeFIT Basketball**

- Free clinic-based instruction at the Downtown Recreation Center
    - Season: January 13 – March 14, 2026

Divisions / Grade level	Capacity	Enrolled
A. 6th - 8th Grade	40	28
B. 4th - 5th Grade	40	25
C. 1st - 3rd Grade	40	39

- **BeFIT Pep Squad**

- Free clinic-based instruction at the Balearic Community Center
    - Season: January 13 – March 14, 2026

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

- **Presidents' Camp Costa Mesa**

- Fee-based program during NMUSD's winter recess
  - Held at Balearic Community Center

Dates	Capacity	Enrolled
Week 2: December 29 – January 2	50	50

- **Teen Program**

- Free afterschool care for 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 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)

Program Location	March	April
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)		
TeWinkle Middle School		
Snowball Fight Dodgeball Tournament   Teens vs. Costa Mesa Police		
Shuttle Service	March	April
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)		
Save Our Youth (SOY)		

Upcoming Events	Dates	Location
Spring Fest	Saturday, April 4	Lions Park Event Lawn

Earth Day Festival	Saturday, April 18	Costa Mesa City Hall
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