



PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES

COMMISSION REPORT

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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT REPORT – JUNE AND JULY 2026

DATE: AUGUST 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
Winter 2025	Feb. 2 – Apr. 13	5	6	106
Spring 2026	May 11 – July 20	8	5	139

• **Fields**

Field Usage	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July
# of Organizations	61	61	61	61	61	61	61	61
Hours	21,615	17,073	29,409	52,574	48,628	44,436	44,436	44,436

❖ **Community Gardens**

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

*5 raised bed parcels

❖ **Contract Classes**

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July
Youth & Adult Totals:	237	304	316	352	280	317	374

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

❖ **Costa Mesa Senior Center**

- On June 25, the Costa Mesa Senior Center hosted its annual Independence Day Celebration, themed “America 250.” The event welcomed approximately 80 participants for an afternoon of food, entertainment, and patriotic celebration. Meals were graciously served by members of the Costa Mesa Police and Fire Departments, adding a special touch to an event that brought seniors and local first responders together to celebrate our nation’s 250th anniversary.

Senior Programs	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July
Meals on Wheels OC - Meals	1,287	1,190	1,457	1,449	1,279	1,356	1,467
Meals on Wheels OC - Seniors	1,119	1,153	1,417	1,353	1,188	1,274	1,387
Second Harvest Grocery Boxes	435	425	460	450	440	440	440
Wellness Calls	844	1,301	985	760	784	877	757
Transportation Program Trips	2,873	1,701	1,838	1,754	1,477	1,558	681

❖ **Downtown Aquatic Center**

Aquatics Programs	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July
Drop-In Participants	113	43	121	120	123	202	284
Total Drop-In Visits	439	437	608	523	530	750	1,172
Instructional Class Participants	N/A	49	184	266	199	318	549
Instructional Class Attendance	N/A	207	695	983	741	1,507	1,803

Aquatics Program	Attendees
Annual Luau Event	107

NMUSD Swim Lessons	June	July
Voucher Participants	47	78
Voucher Attendance	207	210

❖ **Downtown Recreation Center**

	June		July	
Gym Programs	Participants	Total Visits	Participants	Total Visits
Pickleball	132	632	135	707
Youth Open Gym	82	177	43	98
Basketball	59	267	75	228
Volleyball	68	102	120	196

❖ **Facility Rentals**

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July
Number of Rentals	32	28	37	31	36	39	27

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

❖ **Fairview Park**

- The Fairview Park Master Plan Fairview Park Master Plan Update IS/MND (SCH #2026041370) is being recirculated to provide the public an opportunity to review and comment on new information regarding the proposed relocation of the radio-controlled aircraft flying field from the west side to the east side of the park. The recirculation 30-day public review period runs from July 29, 2026 through August 28, 2026.
- 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	8/6, 8/13, 8/20, 8/27	7:00 AM
Every other Friday	8/7, 8/14, 8/21, 8/28	9 AM – 12 PM
2nd Saturdays of the month	8/8	9 AM – 11 AM
3rd Saturdays of the month	8/15	9 AM – 11:30 AM

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

❖ **Permits**

June - Park Rental Permits				
Park Location	Permits Issued		Park Location	Permits Issued
Brentwood	2		Shiffer	5
Canyon	1		Smallwood	2
Del Mesa	4		TeWinkle	13
Estancia	5		Vista	4
Heller	5		Wakeham	11
Jordan	2			

July - Park Rental Permits				
Park Location	Permits Issued		Park Location	Permits Issued
Brentwood	4		Pinkley	1
Canyon	1		Shiffer	8
Del Mesa	6		Smallwood	3
Estancia	3		TeWinkle	8
Heller	2		Vista	3
Marina View	1		Wakeham	7

Film Permits		
	June	July
Permits Issued for the month	2	0
Permits at City Facilities	2	0
Permits at Private Commercial Property	0	0
Pending Permits on TESSA	0	0
Total Permits Issued for 2025	14	14

Special Event Permits		
	June	July
Permits Issued for the month	6	4
Permits at City Facilities	4	2
Permits at Private Commercial Property	2	2
Pending Permits on TESSA	11	10
Total Permits Issued for 2025	23	27

❖ **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	June	July
3-5 year old	44	44	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	June
Adams	24
California	108
College Park	64
Davis	185
Killybrooke	38
Paularino	32
Sonora	35
Victoria	26
Whittier	32

- **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)	339
Session 3 (June8 - July 10)	303
Downtown Recreation Center	
Session 1 (June 8 - July 10)	157
Session 2 (July 13 – August 7)	181

- **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	June	July
Monday	Lions Park Event Lawn	29	37
Tuesday	Lions Park Event Lawn	10	9
Wednesday	Lions Park Event Lawn	8	6
Thursday	Lions Park Event Lawn	21	23
Weekends	City Events*	15	1,200

- Movies in the Park (6/13), Independence Day Celebration (7/3), Concerts in the Park (7/14), (7/21), (7/28)

- **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	June
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	31
TeWinkle Middle School	19
Shuttle Service	June
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	17
Save Our Youth (SOY)	27

- **Summer Teen Camp**

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1 June 8 - June 12	27	27
2 June 15 - June 18	27	27
3 June 22 - June 26	27	27
4 June 29 - July 2	27	27
5 July 6 - July 10	27	27
6 July 13 - July 17	27	24
7 July 20 - July 24	27	27
8 July 27 – July 31	27	25

Upcoming Events	Dates	Location
Symphony on the Go!	Tuesday, August 11	Heller Park
Symphony on the Go!	Wednesday, August 19	Vista Park
Symphony on the Go!	Saturday, August 29	Shiffer Park
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