



PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION REPORT

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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT REPORT – MARCH AND APRIL 2026

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❖ **Access Costa Mesa**

- The Access Costa Mesa Prom was held on May 15 at the Norma Hertzog Community Center, welcoming 97 participants for an evening of dancing, activities, and social connection. Attendees enjoyed a DJ, photo booth, games, face painting, a mocktail bar, and complimentary flowers, light sticks, and snacks. Flowers were donated by Sprouts Farmers Market, and special guests Miss California, Ruth Palmquist, and Mrs. Irvine, Desa Simon, attended the event. The prom provided an inclusive environment that fostered community and connection among participants.

❖ **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	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May
# of Organizations	59	59	61	61	61	61	61	61
Hours	44,499	25,745	21,615	17,073	29,409	52,574	48,628	44,436

❖ **Community Gardens**

Garden Location	Parcel Quantity	Parcels Rented	Waitlisted
Del Mar	65*	65	190
Hamilton	42	42	62

*5 raised bed parcels

❖ **Contract Classes**

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May
Youth & Adult Totals:	311	237	237	304	316	352	280

❖ **Costa Mesa Senior Center**

- The March 2026 monthly newsletter was provided to 5,430 members. This is an increase of 75 members since January 2026.
- The April 2026 monthly newsletter was provided to 5,536 members. This is an increase of 106 members since March 2026.
- The May 2026 monthly newsletter was provided to 5,572 members. This is an increase of 36 members since May 2026.
- On April 16, the Costa Mesa Senior Center honored its volunteers with a special appreciation lunch themed “You Mean the World to Us.” Volunteers enjoyed lunch from Pizza D’ Oro and participated in games and activities. Thanks to the dedication of our volunteers, we are one of the only senior centers in the area able to offer all classes at no cost to participants.
- On May 6, the Costa Mesa Senior Center celebrated Mother’s Day with a special Paris-themed luncheon filled with delicious food, live music, and wonderful company.

Senior Programs	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May
Meals on Wheels OC - Meals	1,233	1,233	1,287	1,190	1,457	1,449	1,279
Meals on Wheels OC - Seniors	1,175	1,175	1,119	1,153	1,417	1,353	1,188
Second Harvest Grocery Boxes	415	208	435	425	460	450	440
Wellness Calls	557	540	844	1,301	985	760	784
Transportation Program Trips	2,199	2,495	2,873	1,701	1,838	1,754	1,477

❖ **Downtown Aquatic Center**

Aquatics Programs	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May
Drop-In Participants	126	109	113	43	121	120	123
Total Drop-In Visits	556	410	439	437	608	523	530
Instructional Class Participants	N/A	N/A	N/A	49	184	266	199
Instructional Class Attendance	N/A	N/A	N/A	207	695	983	741

Aquatics Program	April
Camp Splash Down Participants	23
Camp Splash Down Attendance	100

NMUSD Swim Lessons	March	April	May
College Park Participants	46	48	4
College Park Attendance	389	281	76
Adams Participants	47	48	48
Adams Attendance	394	280	86
Total Spectators	132	56	43

❖ **Downtown Recreation Center**

Gym Programs	March		April		May	
	Participants	Total Visits	Participants	Total Visits	Participants	Total Visits
Pickleball	128	696	153	595	148	663
Youth Open Gym	73	202	59	138	48	111
Basketball	78	259	82	201	83	271
Volleyball	62	96	62	103	145	229

❖ **Facility Rentals**

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May
Number of Rentals	39	33	32	28	37	31	36

- Construction on the NHCC started on January 26, 2026. Construction will run through Mid-May.

❖ **Fairview Park**

- The City hosted another successful Love Costa Mesa Day project site at Fairview Park on Saturday, May 16th. City staff and volunteers focused on two work areas near the Placentia Avenue bridge working on priority invasive plant species removal. Over 40 volunteers participated in the Fairview Park restoration activity.
- 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 (June) scheduled activities.

	Restoration Volunteer Dates	
	Date	Time
Every Thursday	6/11, 6/18, 6/25	7:00 AM
Every other Friday	6/12, 6/19, 6/26	9 AM – 12 PM
2nd Saturdays of the month	6/13	9 AM – 11 AM
3rd Saturdays of the month	6/20	9 AM – 11:30 AM

- 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
Del Mesa	7	Shiffer	4
Estancia	1	Smallwood	1
Heller	3	Tanager	1
Jordan	1	TeWinkle	25
Mesa Verde	1	Vista	3
Pinkley	1	Wakeham	9

April - Park Rental Permits			
Park Location	Permits Issued	Park Location	Permits Issued
Brentwood	7	Shiffer	3
Canyon	1	Smallwood	2
Del Mesa	5	TeWinkle	14
Estancia	2	Vista	2
Heller	3	Wakeham	7
Jordan	3		

May - Park Rental Permits			
Park Location	Permits Issued	Park Location	Permits Issued
Brentwood	3	Shiffer	6
Del Mesa	9	Smallwood	5
Estancia	7	TeWinkle	28
Gisler	1	Vista	6
Heller	7	Wakeham	18
Marina View	1		

Film Permits			
	March	April	May
Permits Issued for the month	2	2	3
Permits at City Facilities	1	0	0
Permits at Private Commercial Property	1	2	3
Pending Permits on TESSA	5	2	2
Total Permits Issued for 2025	7	9	12

Special Event Permits			
	March	April	May
Permits Issued for the month	0	10	5
Permits at City Facilities	N/A	4	1
Permits at Private Commercial Property	N/A	6	4
Pending Permits on TESSA	26	16	12
Total Permits Issued for 2025	2	12	17

❖ **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	May
3-5 year old	44	34	35	35

- **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	May
Adams	32	28	30
California	113	105	113
College Park	67	66	65
Davis	212	204	204
Killybrooke	43	39	42
Paularino	30	32	31
Sonora	39	39	39
Victoria	27	25	26
Whittier	37	39	36

- **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	May
Monday	Lions Park Event Lawn	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tuesday	Lions Park Event Lawn	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wednesday	Lions Park Event Lawn	N/A	N/A	N/A
Thursday	Lions Park Event Lawn	N/A	N/A	N/A
Weekends	City Events	N/A	300	10

- **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	42
B. 4th - 5th Grade	40	25
C. 1st - 3rd Grade	40	34

- **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
April 6 – 10, 2026 Spring	50	50

- **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)
 - 47 teens participated in the Teens vs. Costa Mesa Police Snowball Fight Dodgeball Tournament

Program Location	March	April	May
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	315	240	257
TeWinkle Middle School	291	232	239
Shuttle Service	March	April	May
Downtown Recreation Center (DRC)	263	214	240
Save Our Youth (SOY)	141	85	107

Upcoming Events	Dates	Location
Movies in the Park Lilo & Stitch Live Action	Saturday, June 13	Downtown Recreation Center
Movies in the Park The Minecraft Movie	Saturday, July 11	Balearic Community Center
Independence Day Celebration Luncheon	Thursday, June 25	Costa Mesa Senior Center
Independence Day Celebration	Friday, July 3	OC Fairgrounds lot