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The Community Services/ Recreation/ Park Maintenance Department comprises four divisions: Administration, Community Services, Recreation, and Park Maintenance. The Department delivers services and programs to support citizens' diverse interests in parks, recreation, and culture. This includes operating and maintaining twelve (12) parks, four (4) mini-parks, two (2) aquatic centers, two (2) pools, a sports complex, and a boxing center. The Carson Event Center offers 40,000 square feet of versatile meeting and event space, including a 12,000-square-foot ballroom and meeting rooms that accommodate between five and 1,200 guests. It also offers state-of-the-art visual services. Transportation provides citywide transportation programs related to fixed-route public transit, specialized elderly and disabled transit, transit support of city park programs, and regional air quality issues.

RECREATION DIVISION

For May, the Reservations section had a total of 65 reservations, including 35 indoor (activity/recreation room) and 30 outdoor (picnic grass/shelter). We had over 300 calls and inquiries for park/pool fees and availability. The City of Carson also hosted its annual Cinco de Mayo, Mental Health Awareness, Teen Summit, and Memorial Day events throughout our city parks and event center.

May Revenue Reservations			
Park	Indoor	Outdoor	Total
Anderson Park	0	0	0
Calas Park	4	0	4
Carriage Crest Park	3	3	6
Carson Park	5	8	13
Del Amo Park	5	0	5
Dolphin Park	4	6	10
Dominguez Park	2	0	2
Foisia Park	1	4	5
Hemingway Park	0	2	2
Mills Park	3	2	5
Stevenson Park	4	5	9
Veterans Park	4	0	4
Dominguez Aquatics	0	0	0
Hemingway Aquatics	0	0	0
Carson Pool	0	0	0
Foisia Pool	0	0	0
Total Reservations	35	30	65
Total Monthly Revenue			\$40,486.40

ADULT SPORTS

The Adult Sports section has a Pickleball tournament scheduled for the weekend of July 26, 2024.

YOUTH SPORTS

Baseball/Softball games are continuing throughout May. Regular season games will wrap up the second week of June, with playoffs starting on Saturday, June 15. The City Championship games are scheduled for Saturday, June 22 at Dolphin Park.

ENRICHMENT CLASSES

The Spring session started on April 8; we are happy to see the Enrichment Program grow and expand. Some of our classes like Folklorico, Karate, and Art for Kids have a great number of participants. Our play, "Mickey's Magical Map," was held on Monday, May 10, on the grass field at Stevenson Park. All Spring classes participated and showcased a number in the play. The Life Skills and Drama classes will be added to our program list in the Fall. The 3-in-1 Summer Camp registration is now open.

May 2024 (Revenue for the Month)

Classes	Participants	Revenue
Karate I	8	\$505.00
Karate II	13	\$735.00
Hip Hop 1 & 2	7	\$200.00
Voice	8	\$330.00
Ballet 1 & 2	5	\$200.00
Lyrical	4	\$152.00
Math Made Easy!	5	\$130.00
Ready, Set, Read!	8	\$150.00
Folklorico	12	\$466.00
Latin Modern	2	\$76.00
Art for Kids	11	\$439.00
Cooking with Chef T.	70	Free
Totals	153	\$3,383.00

KIDS CLUB

The approximate revenue for May 2024 is as follows.

Week	Calas	Carson	Del Amo	Dolphin	Veterans	Weekly Totals
April 29 - May 3 Revenue	8 \$390.00	22 \$1,080.00	17 \$850.00	9 \$450.00	38 \$1,868.00	94 \$4,638.00
May 6 - 10 Revenue	8 \$390.00	22 \$1,080.00	12 \$600.00	9 \$450.00	37 \$1,818.00	88 \$4,338.00
May 13 - 17 Revenue	8 \$390.00	22 \$1,080.00	11 \$550.00	10 \$500.00	39 \$1,923.00	90 \$4,443.00
May 20 - 24 Revenue	8 \$390.00	22 \$1,080.00	11 \$550.00	10 \$500.00	37 \$1,830.00	88 \$4,350.00
May 27 - 31 Revenue	7 \$340.00	22 \$1,080.00	10 \$500.00	9 \$450.00	35 \$1,735.00	83 \$4,105.00
Month Totals	39 \$1,900.00	110 \$5,400.00	61 \$3,050.00	47 \$2,350.00	186 \$9,174.00	443 \$21,874.00

AQUATICS

Hemingway Aquatic Center programming for May included Aqua Aerobics, Lap Swim, Recreational Swim, and Swim Lessons. Aquatic Programming ended on May 9. Aquatic Staff assisted with a First Aid Booth during the Cinco de Mayo event at Carson Park and helped with the invitational track meet held on May 19 at Rancho Dominguez Preparatory School.

Week	Aqua Aerobics	Lap Swim	Recreational Swim	Swim Lessons 17 & Younger	Swim Lessons 18 & Older
04/29/24 - 05/02/24	14	1	24	24	0
5/6/2024 - 05/09/24	68	3	24	43	1
Monthly Total(s)	82	4	48	67	1
Estimated Total Cost(s)	\$328.00	\$64.00	\$48.00	\$2,814.00	\$47.00

VETERANS SPORTSCOMPLEX

The attendance for the month of May remains consistent with a monthly total of 4,445. The Youth membership remains strong followed by the Senior memberships and daily guest fees. In addition, the Silver Sneaker memberships remain steady, with a slight increase in annual signups. The monthly revenue was \$15,836.00.

Group Ex Classes

	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sessions	Adult Sports 1:00pm-9:00pm	Adult Sports TBD	Walking Class 9:00am-10:00am	Yoga 9:30am-10:30am	Salsa (Beginner) 10:00am-11:00am	Yoga 6:30pm-7:30pm	Muscle Conditioning 8:30am-9:30am
				Xtreme Hip-Hop Step Aerobics 6:30pm-7:30pm	Salsa (Intermediate) 11:00am-12:00pm		Salsa (Intermediate) 10:00am-11:00am
					Walking Class 5:30pm-6:30pm		Friday Night Volleyball 5:00pm-9:00pm

Week	Membership Attendance	New Sign-Ups	Programs /Events	Volleyball Academy	Friday Night Volleyball	Paid Daily Guest Fees	Free Daily Guest Pass	Weekly Totals
5/1/24-5/4/24	462	5	0	25	0	68	1	561
5/5/24-5/11/24	815	6	0	36	69	103	3	1,032
5/12/24-5/18/24	757	5	47	26	115	106	9	1,065
5/19/24-5/25/24	727	9	0	21	111	110	16	994
5/26/24-5/31/24	591	8	0	22	91	75	6	793
Monthly Totals	3,352	33	47	130	386	462	35	4,445

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

HUMAN SERVICES

STROKE CENTER

The Stroke Center is overseen by Daniel Murillo, Bianca Arroyo, and Sue Quedado and operates Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The last day for CSUDH OT Fieldwork 1 students was Monday, May 6. Dr. Penoliar provided occupational therapy services to 15 individuals on three days this month. Survivors can access the exercise equipment as needed, Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. This month, 172 individuals utilized the facilities. The Chair Yoga class provided movement and meditation for 20 people while the Chair Exercise classes provided fitness and enjoyment twice weekly, engaging 90 participants over the month. The ever-competitive chair volleyball classes continued growing this month, with 81 survivors and caregivers participating in the games. Staff will add gardening, art, and learning classes to the calendar. Bids for Occupational Therapy (OT) Requests for Proposals (RFPs) are under review while the exploration of potential alternative solutions for professional services is underway.

WEEK	STROKE CENTER				
	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	EQUIPMENT EXERCISE	CHAIR YOGA	CHAIR EXERCISE	CHAIR VOLLEYBALL
5/1-5/2	0	34	0	10	14
5/6-5/9	5	40	8	30	17
5/13-5/16	0	29	0	10	16
5/20-5/23	0	40	5	22	18
5/28-5/30	10	29	7	18	16
Monthly Totals	15	172	20	90	81
Totals-To-Date	556	1,286	110	787	547
FYTD Total	571	1,458	130	877	628

SENIOR RECREATION

Senior Recreation offers free in-person classes at the Carson Park and Stevenson Park gymnasiums. Classes include Zumba, Yoga, Hula Hoop, Functional Fitness, Zumba Gold, Line Dancing, Open Basketball, and an open fitness room with workout equipment. All classes are held Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. with attendance fluctuating from five to 136 participants per class. Foisia Park continues to provide an open fitness room with equipment, open basketball, and chess for senior participants. The program is run Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Two on-site staff members are available at these

parcs to check participants in, check on each program, and perform class and fitness room walkthroughs to ensure the facility is thoroughly swept and clean and machines are wiped down. Carson Event Center continues to provide Needle Craft every Tuesday and Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., Salsa Dance class every Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., Tai Chi every Thursday, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Yoga With Charlene every Thursday, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., Table games every Thursday, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., and Senior Social Bingo Clubs on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. In addition, Bingo for Fun with the Swinging 50s Club is offered at Dominguez Park on Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. There are two upcoming computer classes for seniors at the Carson Event Center and Carson Park.

WEEK	SENIOR IN-PERSON CLASSES AT CARSON PARK							
	HULA HOOP FITNESS	LINE DANCE	ZUMBA TUESDAY	FUNCTIONAL FITNESS	YOGA	ZUMBA TONING	ZUMBA THURSDAY	COUNTRY LINE DANCE
5/1-5/3	-	-	-	18	35	49	58	43
5/6-5/10	15	49	52	21	31	No Class	No Class	39
5/13-5/17	16	No Class	No Class	19	32	No Class	No Class	33
5/20-5/24	18	46	44	17	29	46	44	38
5/27-5/31	Closed	45	48	19	31	49	48	39
TOTALS	49	140	144	94	158	144	150	192
FYTD Total	564	2,371	2,501	745	1,125	1,620	1,872	1,393

WEEK	SENIOR IN-PERSON CLASSES AT STEVENSON PARK		
	YOGA	ZUMBA	FITNESS ROOM
5/1-5/3	-	41	7
5/6-5/10	8	44	9
5/13-5/17	10	No Class	6
5/20-5/24	9	32	11
5/27-5/31	14	34	10
TOTALS	41	151	43
FYTD Total	347	1,559	424

WEEK	FOISIA PARK	
	BASKETBALL	FITNESS ROOM
5/1-5/3	38	7
5/6-5/10	36	11
5/13-5/17	36	9
5/20-5/24	34	11
5/27-5/31	35	14
TOTALS	179	52
FYTD Total	2,355	538

WEEK	CARSON CENTER - BINGO				
	VIP CLUB	TLC CLUB	JOLLY CLUB	FRIENDSHIP CLUB	SWINGING 50'S CLUB
5/1-5/3	-	34	76	0	12
5/6-5/10	66	39	69	0	11
5/13-5/17	61	38	71	14	14
5/20-5/24	59	41	74	0	11
5/27-5/31	57	39	71	139	12
TOTALS	243	191	361	153	60
FYTD Total	2,987	1,961	3,533	1,522	1,099

WEEK	CARSON CENTER - ACTIVITIES							
	TAI CHI	NEEDLE CRAFT (TUE)	CHAIR EXERCISE	SALSA	YOGA	BODY BALANCING	TABLE GAMES	NEEDLE CRAFT (FRI)
5/1-5/3	-	-	-	-	31	27	18	6
5/6-5/10	16	6	29	No Class	32	26	16	4
5/13-5/17	No Class	6	31	14	35	24	14	5
5/20-5/24	16	5	29	12	31	22	15	5
5/27-5/31	22	6	28	14	36	26	16	6
TOTALS	54	23	117	40	165	125	79	26
FYTD Total	560	235	554	363	1,036	608	762	224

SENIOR SOCIAL SERVICES

The mission of Senior Social Services is to ensure the most vulnerable homebound seniors stay home safely while meeting their essential needs. Senior Service Aides are running with full caseloads weekly. Assistance consists of running errands, including trips to the grocery store and pharmacy, and assisting with essential chores that keep seniors home safe while maintaining their independence. Due to increased referrals, staff have added more seniors to this program as well as other city programs and referred other seniors to County and State programs. The hiring of two new Senior Service Aides, Jessica Villacis and Josephine Fue, who both commenced their roles in May, will enhance our capacity to assist senior residents! Preparations are underway for the Summer Senior Information & Resource event to take place in August. Partners in Care's twice-weekly Arthritis classes remain popular and resumed in May. Staff plans to schedule more classes with Partners in Care throughout 2024. A Laugh & Learn series has begun through SCAN's Independence at Home; the final class will be Yoga during June.

Assisted Living program staff helps other departments including Code Enforcement, Housing, and Transportation. In addition, Senior Services Aides help seniors without transportation complete Dial-A-Ride applications (DAR), Code Enforcement Hoarding cases, general welfare checks, adult protective service cases, and LA Homeless Portal cases as needed. Housing Rights Center walk-in clinics occur monthly. Human Services is working closely with City employees Fariba Moghadam and Toni Carter in the Housing Department, as affordable senior housing continues to be a huge issue. Staff continue to receive inquiries about housing daily and refer them as necessary. With the addition of new staff members in the Housing department, our team has been able to share all related tasks and responsibilities. Staff is currently working with the Public Safety Department to organize an Emergency Preparedness workshop specifically for seniors.

Keeping abreast of the latest county, state, and federal programs and organizations and community partners that offer virtual programming is essential to ensuring our seniors have access to the latest programs available to them. Staff is working closely with Bet Tzedek Legal, CSUDH OLLI, and others to schedule classes and workshops for 2024. The county's adult protective services and Carson Sheriff's Station continue to collaborate on welfare checks. Our programs, workshops, lectures, and training sessions were filled and tailored to meet senior residents' interests and needs. A lecture series has been confirmed with Bet Tzedek, H.E.L.P., GENESIS at Harbor UCLA, SCAN's Independence at Home, and Alzheimer's Association.

The Senior Share Storytellers, Bereavement, and Caregiver Support groups have been ongoing this year. An additional support group has been added for individuals raising young children after the loss of a partner. The group, called "Growing Through Grief," will take place at Dolphin Park on the third Tuesday of each month, and child care will be provided. Additionally, a new Bereavement group, which will be facilitated in Spanish, will be starting soon.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Early Childhood continues to offer full-time classes Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Carson Event Center and Carson Park. Part-time classes are offered Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., or 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Event Center and Dolphin Park. The approximate revenue for May was \$36,648.00.

WEEK	EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION		
	AM	PM	FT
5/2-5/3	32	13	42
5/6-5/10	32	13	42
5/13-5/17	32	13	42
5/20-5/24	32	13	42
5/27-5/31	32	13	42
TOTALS	160	65	210
FYTD Total	1,365	637	1,884

THERAPEUTIC RECREATION

The spring session of Hip-Hop Step ended this month. Participants learned choreographed dance moves while improving balance and motor skills. Basketball and Track & Field classes are going well as athletes prepare for upcoming Special Olympics competitions. The approximate revenue for May was \$400.00.

WEEK	THERAPEUTIC RECREATION		
	Basketball	Track & Field	Step Class
5/2- 5/3	No class	No class	No class
5/6 - 5/10	14	10	8
5/13 - 5/17	14	9	7
5/20 - 5/24	14	10	4
5/27 - 5/31	No class	9	8
TOTALS	42	38	27
FYTD Total	110	78	51

SOCIAL SERVICES

Fit Happens returned May 14, at the Carson Event Center and is held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:15 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Start Smart T-ball takes place Monday through Thursday at 5:15 p.m. at Calas Park.

MAY 2024	START SMART - T-BALL 2024			
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
RESIDENT (@ \$44)	10	10	10	7
Res. Sub-Total	\$ 440.00	\$ 440.00	\$ 440.00	\$ 308.00
NON-RESIDENT (@ \$55)	0	1	0	2
N.R. Sub-Total	\$ -	\$ 55.00	\$ -	\$ 110.00
PARTICIPANTS	10	11	10	9
START SMART MAY24 REVENUE	\$ 440.00	\$ 495.00	\$ 440.00	\$ 418.00
START SMART TO-DATE TOTALS	\$ 1,804.00	\$ 1,826.00	\$ 1,782.00	\$ 1,859.00
START SMART FYTD TOTAL	\$ 2,244.00	\$ 2,321.00	\$ 2,222.00	\$ 2,277.00

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES/PREVENTION & AFTERCARE

Families with children under 18 in the home can receive prevention and aftercare services through case navigation, resources, and referrals. These families are referred by the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) or other organizations, and in some cases are self-referred. Case navigation involves one-on-one communication between the case navigator and the family to discuss struggles, accomplishments, and goals. Families who do not need case navigation can also be provided with additional links. The links may include, but are not limited to, food giveaways, counseling services, tutoring services, or housing services. As a result, most case navigation is now conducted in person, depending on the client's and staff's comfort level. Social Connection and Youth and Family groups Crafty Club and Ladies Circle are starting back up in June for a six-week trial. The Nurturing Father program has been rebranded to Dads Make a Difference. New flyers have been made and outreach has been conducted. The next group is set to start in June for a 10-week session. Growing Through Grief is a new support group that meets at Dolphin Park every third Tuesday. It is a group for individuals who have lost their partners through death and are navigating a new world of being single parents.

Week	New Clients	Open Cases	Closed Cases	Referrals Received	Extra Linkages
5/2-5/3	0	2	0	3	5
5/6-5/10	1	3	0	1	5
5/13-5/17	1	4	0	0	3
5/20-5/24	0	4	0	0	2
5/27-5/31	0	4	0	0	5
Totals	2	17	0	4	20
FYTD Total	5	17	11	24	208

SPECIAL EVENTS

The month of May kicked off with our annual Cinco de Mayo celebration, held on Saturday, May 4, at Carson Park from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The event included performances from Mariachi Santa Monica, Trio Renacimiento, Vilma Diaz y La Sonora, and the headliner Banda Vallarta Show. In addition, there were appearances from city program participants including Alma de Oro, Cheer, and Fabela Boxing Center, who showcased their skills on stage and in the boxing ring. The Car Show also drew in spectators to cast their votes for their favorite car. There were several food and retail vendors along with a kids' area that included inflatables, pony rides, and games. The Mental Health Forum, held on May 18 at the Carson Event Center, was a resounding success! It had over 150 attendees, 20 vendors, and eight presenters contributing to the event. Mercy Pharmacy Group sponsored the breakfast.

CARSON EVENT CENTER

The Carson Event Center offers 40,000 square feet of versatile meeting and event spaces. Interested in hosting a special event, wedding reception, or holiday party? Let us assist you with all your logistical needs. Our knowledgeable staff has extensive experience in event planning and prides itself on exceptional customer service before and throughout your event. We look forward to bringing your vision to life.

RENTALS

In May, we hosted over 200 events at the Carson Event Center, which varied from business meetings, conferences, social events, and internal city bookings. We started the month with a Carson One Stop Career Center Job Fair and a kickoff to the city's EAT, SHOP, LOCAL week. We also hosted the City's Stroke Center's 20th Anniversary Reunion Luncheon, American Red Cross Hometown Heroes event, Mental Health Summit & Community Mental Health Fair, Carson Colts Third Annual Espy Awards, Mayfest, and Memorial Day Tribute. The data for May is as follows:

Event Type	May Events	May Revenue	FY Total Events	FYTD Total Revenue
External	53	\$52,982.22	591	\$595,000.26
Internal	157	\$0.00	1,594	\$0.00

TRANSPORTATION

The City of Carson's Transportation workgroup provides citywide transportation programs, including fixed-route public bus service, first mile/last mile ride-hail services, specialized elderly and disabled transportation services, and bus transportation in support of City parks and youth programs. Transportation also works directly with LA Metro, South Bay Cities Council of Government (SBCCOG), and South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) on a variety of transportation policies, new initiatives, and funding opportunities.

LONG BEACH TRANSIT

Long Beach Transit (LBT) provides fixed-route bus services in Carson across three routes. Riders can travel down major surface streets in both directions and connect faster to major destinations and neighboring bus lines. Service hours and route schedules can be accessed at <https://ridelbt.com/carson/>.

Long Beach Transit Ridership			
Route	Passenger Boardings	Revenue Miles*	Revenue Hours**
2	3,966	7,293	618
4	8,393	6,019	676
8	2,847	7,182	719
Apr 2024 totals	15,206	20,494 miles	2,013 hours
Mar 2024 totals	13,934	20,146 miles	1,972 hours

*Miles traveled while performing route
 **Hours incurred while performing route

CARSON CIRCUIT

In conjunction with LBT, the Carson Circuit provides additional bus service through two neighborhood-serving routes. To better meet the needs of its riders, service runs during peak commuting times between

7:00 a.m. and 9:55 a.m. and again from 2:00 p.m. - 4:55 p.m. These modifications were also supported by the City’s first Comprehensive Operations Analysis or route study. The current promotion of the service includes advertisements on the City’s social media pages, distribution of flyers, and other methods. Ridership steadily increases as more riders learn about the program and its routes. Additional flyers and social media posts help to promote awareness across the community.

	Carson Circuit Ridership					
	Cash Fare (\$1)	Wheelchair (free)	Seniors/Students (free)	TAP	Transfers	Total Boardings
Apr 2024 – AM	39	-	132	7	9	178
Apr 2024 – PM	41	-	137	18	41	196
Apr 2024 totals	80	-	269	25	50	374
Mar 2024 totals	62	-	227	14	42	303

DIAL-A-RIDE

General Dial-A-Ride service is available to Carson residents of all ages. Participants can order an on-demand taxi service and receive a 50% discount on their ride. Carson residents can also take advantage of complimentary no-cost taxi rides to and from any City-designated vaccination site within three (3) miles of City boundaries. Taxi drivers will stay with the riders throughout the process, ensuring a safe and worry-free return.

Dial-A-Ride Ridership				
	Total Rides	Total Passengers	Avg Trips per Day	Avg Cost per Trip
Apr 2024	1,811 rides	2,696 passengers	60 trips per day	\$11.93 per trip
Apr 2023 comparison	1,514 rides	1,979 passengers	50 trips per day	\$12.60 per trip
FY 24 YTD	17,639 rides	25,080 passengers	58 trips per day	\$12.19 per trip

LYFT

Carson residents can receive a 50% discount on the cost of their Lyft ride. Riders pay half, and the city pays half, up to a maximum trip cost of \$20. Participants must be 18 years of age or older to ride alone. Rides must start AND end within City boundaries.

Lyft Ridership			
	Total Rides	Avg total cost per trip	Avg trip cost to rider
Apr 2024	1,252 rides	\$11.08	\$5.52
Apr 2023 comparison	758 rides	\$9.51	\$4.74
FY 24 YTD	10,076 rides	\$9.97	\$4.97
April 2020* – present	31,337 rides	\$10.16	\$4.85

*Start of City partnership with Lyft.

Most rides took 7-8 minutes in duration and 2-3 miles in distance. Average trip costs are rising due to: (1) Increased ride times from traffic returning to pre-pandemic levels and (2) higher ride costs due to a rise in Lyft service fees.

FUTURE PLANS

Additionally, staff is awaiting the delivery of two battery-electric buses (BEBs) as a pilot run. BEBs emit zero greenhouse gasses, providing a cleaner environment for riders and residents. Upfront purchase costs exceed traditional internal combustion engine (ICE) examples. However, annual operating costs for BEBs are expected to be significantly less than their ICE counterparts.