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The Community Services Department is comprised of 3 divisions: Administration, Community Services, and Recreation. The Department delivers services and programs to support citizen’s diverse interests in parks, recreation, and culture. This includes operating and maintaining twelve (12) parks and four (4) mini-parks, two (2) aquatic centers and two (2) pools, a sports complex, and a boxing and weightlifting center. The Community Center offers 40,000 square feet of versatile meeting and event space including 12,000 square foot ballroom and meeting rooms that accommodate between 5 and 1,200 guests, and 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

RESERVATIONS

The Reservations Section continues to follow Los Angeles County Rules and Regulations to include COVID-19 information for all reservations for indoor and outdoor picnic grass/shelter areas at all parks. For the month of December, there were a total of 30 reservations scheduled, 28 indoor (activity/recreation room) and 2 outdoor (picnic grass/shelter). Over 250 calls and inquiries for park fees and availability were received. Additionally, the City of Carson hosted the Tree Lighting Ceremony, Winter Recital, Winterfest, and winter/holiday programming at various park locations and the Community Center.

Total Revenue for December: \$18,612

PARK	INDOOR	OUTDOOR	TOTAL
Anderson Park	2	0	2
Calas Park	1	0	1
Carriage Crest Park	4	1	5
Carson Park	4	1	5
Del Amo Park	5	0	5
Dolphin Park	1	0	1
Dominguez Park	3	0	3
Foisa Park	2	0	2
Hemingway Park	0	0	0
Mills Park	1	0	1
Stevenson Park	4	0	4
Veterans Park	1	0	1
TOTAL RESERVATIONS	28	2	30

ADULT SPORTS

Due to inclement weather, Adult Sports was on hiatus in December.

YOUTH SPORTS

The Youth Flag Football, Soccer, and Fall Softball season concluded with Championship games on Saturday, December 3, 2022, at Dolphin Park. The following teams competed in the championship games (underlined teams won):

- 1A Soccer Stevenson FC vs. Foisia Hussle
- 2A Soccer Dominguez WolfPack vs. Dominguez Juventus
- 3A Soccer Veterans Rangers (won both rounds in regular season – no championship game)

- 1A Softball Foisia Expos vs. Dolphin Knock Outs
- 2A Softball Foisia Lady Colts vs. Cals Krushem

- 1A Flag football Del Amo Panthers (won both rounds in regular season – no championship game)

Registration for Basketball concluded on December 3, 2022, and the following are the number of participants and teams by division:

PARK	SL	RK	B1A	B2A	B3A	B4A	G1A	G2A	G3A	TEAMS	PARTICIPANTS
Anderson	0	7	8	10	19					5	44
Calas	8	11	10	8			9			5	46
Carriage Crest	14	16	10	10	1		1	1		5	53
Carson	26	51	39	29	27	16	17	15	9	24	229
Del Amo	13	26	24	12						6	75
Dolphin		10		11	7	9	1	7	9	6	54
Dominguez	12	18		14	8	8				8	60
Foisia	7	29	19	18	9		11	17	11	13	121
Hemingway	9	20	10	10	10			9		7	68
Mills											
Stevenson	10	33	35	31	18	10	8	12	14	18	171
Veterans	19	32	31	24	35	10	10	9	7	21	177
TOTAL	118	253	186	177	134	53	57	70	50	118	1098

Registration for Youth T-ball, Baseball, and Softball will begin on January 1, 2023

Enrichment Classes

All Enrichment Classes concluded December 16, 2022, and will reopen January 17, 2023. Below is the number of participants and revenue collected for the Fall Sessions.

FALL 2022

Classes	Participants	Revenue
Piano	6	\$195
Folklorico	57	\$2,356
Modern Dance	14	\$562
Totals	77	\$3,113

FALL 2022 session II

Classes	Participants	Revenue
Piano	6	\$400.00
Folklorico	49	\$1,992.00
Modern Dance	11	\$438.00
Totals	66	\$2,830.00

Upcoming classes to be added next month are the following:

- Voice
- Drama
- Math
- Ready-Set-Read!
- Guitar
- Piano 1
- Piano 2
- Ballet I
- Ballet II
- Contemporary Dance
- Hosanna Academy Explore Black History
- Improv

Kids Club

Kids Club commenced on Monday, August 15, 2022, and provides afterschool childcare for ages 5-12 at five (5) licensed sites. Winter Holiday Camp was offered during the school break, beginning on December 19, 2022, at the five (5) Kids Club sites plus Carriage Crest Park. The program was also offered at Mills Park, but did not receive enough registrations and was cancelled.

Week	Calas	Carson	Carriage Crest	Del Amo	Dolphin	Veterans	TOTAL
12/5-12/9	11	18		5	12	30	76
Revenue	\$540	\$935		\$250	\$600	\$1,490	\$3,815
12/12-12/16	10	17		7	13	28	75
Revenue	\$490	\$885		\$350	\$650	\$1,405	\$3,750
12/19-12/23	15	25	9	14	27	36	126
Revenue	\$1,113	\$1,885	\$720	\$968	\$1,950	\$2,658	\$9,294
Holiday Camp							
12/26-12/20	9	25	14	9	27	32	116
Revenue	\$685	\$1,885	\$1,015	\$618	\$1,950	\$3,023	\$8,491
Holiday Camp							
Month Total	45	85	23	35	79	126	393
Revenue	\$2,828	\$5,590	\$1,735	\$2,186	\$5,150	\$8,576	\$25,350

AQUATICS

Aquatics programming concluded on November 10, 2022. During the month of December, Aquatics provided American Red Cross – CPR/AED training for Adults and Pediatrics, as well as First Aid training to Recreation and Public Works staff. Classes were held weekly on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, from 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM. A special class was dedicated for Public Works on December 14, 2022, from 7:00 AM – 11:00 AM.

On December 10, 2022, staff was charged with providing First Aid for attendees of Winterfest. Staff also participated in the Carson 411 vs. City of Carson Staff Community Basketball event on December 17, 2022, from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

Foisia Pool, Dominguez Aquatic Center, and Hemingway Aquatic Center are undergoing facility improvements; specifically, the pools will be resurfaced and re-plastered. As it currently stands, Dominguez Aquatic Center is nearing completion; Foisia Pool is waiting for backordered parts, though the floors have been resurfaced; and Hemingway Aquatic Center is in process. Once completed in early Spring 2023, they will be used for high school swim team practices and various activities.

Aquatics programming – lessons and various other services - will resume on March 6, 2023, at Carson Pool. Registration will begin on February 13, 2023, for Carson residents, and on February 27, 2023, for Non-Residents.

VETERANS SPORTSCOMPLEX

Attendance for the month of December remained consistent, with a monthly total of 2,426 participants. Purchases of Youth Memberships remain very strong, followed by Senior Memberships and daily guest fees. In addition, the Silver Sneaker Memberships remain steady with a slight increase in annual signups. December revenue was \$8,518.01.

The GroupEx class lineup remains the same with the following schedule:

- Yoga, Tuesday, 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM
- Zumba, Tuesday, 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
- Muscle Conditioning, Friday, 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM
- Hula Hoop Fitness, Saturday, 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
- Salsa, Friday, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Reservation/Permit continues to be a bright spot in our operations with numerous inquiries and several confirmed reservations for the upcoming months.

On Friday evenings, from 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM, open volleyball takes place in the main gym. On average, over 100 people participate.

WEEK	MEMBERS	NEW MEMBER SIGN-UPS	Friday Night Volleyball	DAILY MEMBERSHIP FEES	GUEST PASS	WEEKLY TOTALS
12/1/22 – 12/3/22	170	1	61	4	5	241
12/4/22 – 12/10/22	517	8	61	13	8	607
12/11/22 – 12/17/22	517	9	81	18	10	635
12/18/22 – 12/24/22	356	6	85	14	21	482
12/25/22 – 12/31/22	371	4	0	33	53	461
Monthly Totals	1931	28	288	82	91	2426

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

HUMAN SERVICES

Stroke Center

Led by Nathan Caukin, and fully supported by Tony Zuniga, Sue Quedado, and Jacinda Flores, staff assistance is always available for scheduling, providing general supervision of the Stroke Center, and ensuring that all City of Carson protocols are adhered to by staff and patrons alike. Masks are still mandatory for staff and are "highly recommended" for members. The Stroke Center is cleaned and sanitized after each patient/member appointment, and at the end of each day, the custodial staff completes a deeper, more thorough cleaning.

Equipment Exercise appointments are available Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, in the Stroke Center. Staff continues to follow the recommended guidelines for safety, considering space, distancing, and availability, while allowing increased service and equipment usage that permit consistent movement, exercise, and socialization opportunities for stroke survivors.

From December 1 through December 15, 2022, Occupational Therapy (OT) was available Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Dr. Penoliar’s two (2) interns treated five (5) patients each daily, or ten (10) patients per day, for a total of forty (40) people per week. The last two weeks of December were comprised of three (3) days of services, with a caseload of 21 survivors divided amongst four (4) groups. OT patients are placed on a rotating schedule to ensure staff can assist as many members as possible.

On Wednesday, December 14th, 2022, Stroke Center staff hosted a holiday luncheon for stroke survivors and their caregivers. Festivities included a catered and served hot lunch, holiday music, a visit from Santa, photo opportunities, and gifts for each Stroke Survivor (with an extra special thanks to the Early Childhood Education Program and Silver Cheer).

Chair Exercise classes were held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:00 AM, and facilitated by Sue Quedado. While participation numbers remained consistent, they were lower than in previous months due to scheduling conflicts with OT sessions.

WEEK	STROKE CENTER		
	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	EQUIPMENT EXERCISE	CHAIR EXERCISE
12/1	8	4	5
12/5-12/8	32	14	11
12/12-12/15	29	6	N/A
12/19-12/21	10	8	6
12/27-12/28	10	8	5
TOTALS	89	40	27
FYTD Total	400	293	335

SENIOR RECREATION

Senior Recreation continues to administer virtual fitness and dance classes run by two designated staff members. These classes are held Tuesday through Thursday, from 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM, with attendance ranging from 6 to 12 students per class.

Senior Recreation continues to offer in-person classes in the gymnasiums at Carson Park and Stevenson Park. Programming is comprised of an open fitness room with workout equipment and the following classes:

- Zumba
- Yoga
- Hula Hoop
- Functional Fitness
- Zumba Gold
- Line Dancing

All classes are held Monday through Friday, from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM, with attendance ranging from 5 to 54 participants per class. Two (2) on-site staff members are always available to check participants in, perform temperature checks, ensure all participants wear masks correctly, and the facility is cleaned and sanitized.

Foisia Park also continues to provide a drop-in open fitness with workout equipment and open basketball.

SENIOR VIRTUAL CLASSES			
	FUNCTIONAL FITNESS	SALSA	YOGA
12/1-12/2	-	4	10
12/5-12/9	6	4	10
12/12-12/16	6	No class	11
12/19-12/23	10	No class	Holiday
12/26-12/30	4	No class	Holiday
TOTALS	26	65	
FYTD Total	167	57	303

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
12/1-12/2	-	-	-	-	-	26	32	Closed
12/5-12/9	15	42	40	17	23	36	33	12
12/12-12/16	13	34	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	28
12/19-12/23	14	33	61	16	18	Closed	Closed	22
12/26-12/30	Closed	25	23	9	17	Closed	Closed	22
TOTALS	42	34	114	42	58	32	65	84
FYTD Total	207	726	708	221	342	508	582	665

WEEK	SENIOR IN-PERSON CLASSES AT STEVENSON PARK		
	YOGA	ZUMBA	FITNESS ROOM
12/1-12/2	-	33	3
12/5-12/9	5	28	8
12/12-12/16	4	29	11
12/19-12/23	Closed	33	6
12/26-12/30	Closed	27	2
TOTALS	9	150	30
FYTD Total	29	541	194

WEEK	FOISIA PARK		
	BASKETBALL	FITNESS ROOM	CHESS GROUP
12/1-12/2	38	11	4
12/5-12/9	37	9	4
12/12-12/16	45	14	3
12/19-12/23	36	8	2
12/26-12/30	39	9	0
TOTALS	195	51	13
FYTD Total	882	265	96

Senior Social Services

Senior Social Services attempts to ensure that the City's most vulnerable homebound seniors stay home safely while meeting their essential needs. Senior Service Aide visits are operating with full caseloads on a weekly and bi-weekly basis. Assistance consists of running errands - including trips to the grocery store and pharmacy - and aiding with essential chores that keep seniors home safe while maintaining their independence. Due to increased referrals, staff has added more seniors to this program and other city programs, and referred others to County and State programs. Applications are in the review process to hire an additional Senior Services Aide.

Assisted Living Program staff supports other Departments, including Code Enforcement, Housing, and Transportation. The Coordinator and Senior Services Aides visit seniors without transportation to complete Dial-A-Ride (DAR) applications, Carson Essentials 2.0 verification, Code Enforcement hoarding cases, general welfare checks, Adult Protective Service, and LA Homeless Portal cases, as necessary. Housing Rights Center Walk-in clinics have resumed and are taking place monthly. Lastly, Human Services is working closely with the Homeless/Housing Coordinator.

Keeping abreast of resources developed through county, state, and federal agencies has been essential in providing our seniors with the latest programs they may be eligible for, in addition to working with organizations and community partners that continue to offer virtual programming. Welfare checks continue in collaboration with the county’s Adult Protective Services and the Carson Sheriff’s Station. Classes and workshops are currently in the scheduling process for 2023, including the return of the Partners-In-Care Workshops on Healthy Living. Staff will start the new year with another Senior Information and Resource Fair in January.

Minimal in-person groups continued this year, including Senior Share Storytellers, Bereavement and Caregiver Support Group, and the newly added Kinship Support group. Due to the increased number of participants, all registrations are processed through ActiveNet.

The Silver Cheer Program allowed City employees to participate in the “Adopt-A-Senior” project to provide gifts of holiday cheer. The local Kiwanis Chapter sponsored thirty (30) holiday meals delivered the same day by their volunteer Santa. In addition, the local home care agency, HomeInstead, provided gifts to an additional ten (10) seniors and Stroke survivors through their “Be a Santa to a Senior” Program. These efforts allowed staff to spread a lot of holiday cheer to our seniors!

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Early Childhood continues to offer full-time classes Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM, at the Community Center and Carson Park. Part-time classes are offered Monday through Friday, from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM or 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM, at the Community Center and Dolphin Park.

Approximate revenue for December: \$31,345

WEEK	EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION		
	In-Person		In-Person
	AM	PM	FT
12/1-12/2	25	13	36
12/5-12/9	25	13	36
12/12-12/16	25	13	36
12/19-12/23	25	13	36
12/26-12/30	25	13	36
TOTALS	125	65	180
FYTD Total	760	391	1080

THERAPEUTIC RECREATION

All Therapeutic Recreation fall programs ended in December. Registration for winter programs will be held beginning in January, and will be comprised of Adult Day Club, Hip Hop Step Exercise, Art, and Skill Builders Occupational Therapy.

SPECIAL INTEREST CLASSES

December consisted of all things Santa for the Special Interest Program. Daniel Murillo assisted with all the scheduling and logistics for each visit/event, both online and in person.

Virtual Visits with Santa began on Friday, December 9, 2022, with Santa making scheduled, personalized phone calls to children whose parents had pre-registered via ActiveNet. In addition, staff made phone calls on Sunday, December 11, 2022; Saturday, December 17, 2022; and Sunday, December 18, 2022, at pre-scheduled times.

Santa was on hand for a live visit and photo opportunities at Winterfest. In addition, he was present at the Stroke Center Luncheon, and again at the Mayor's Toy Drive. He also visited multiple Early Childhood Education locations on Tuesday, December 20, 2022.

Fit Happens is on hiatus, and all current memberships remain active until further discussion regarding the viability of reconvening in the new year.

Staff continues to work with the Early Childhood Education Program to re-implement our Early Start Education program for a fall return.

Therapeutic Recreation staff remains an integral part of our Reception Desk staff, providing support to assist the Special Interest Section in the East Wing on an as needed basis until full-time support is available.

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES/PREVENTION & AFTERCARE

Week	New Clients	Open Cases	Closed Cases	Referrals Received	Extra Linkages
12/1	1	11	0	1	5
12/5-12/8	0	11	0	0	10
12/12-12/15	0	11	0	1	7
12/19-12/22	0	11	0	1	6
12/26-12/29	0	11	0	1	9
Month Total	1	11	0	4	37
FYTD Total	12	18	13	16	187

Prevention and Aftercare services consist of case navigation, resources, and referrals to families with children under the age of 18 in the home. These families are referred by the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), other organizations, or can be self-referred. Case navigation consists of one-on-one communication between the case navigator and the family on a weekly basis to discuss struggles, accomplishments, and goals. Extra linkages can be provided to families who do not need case navigation. These linkages may include, but are not limited to, food giveaways, counseling services, tutoring, or housing services. Most case navigation has returned to in-person sessions, depending on client and staff comfort levels. Social Connection, Youth and Family groups, Crafty Club, and Ladies Circle began this month, and the Nurturing Fathers Program commenced in November 2022.

Carson Essentials to Go 2.0 was recently transferred to Youth and Family Services and revamped. The program resumed on September 6, 2022, with food deliveries to seniors and low-income families on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The program provides groceries, provided by Norms, to 20 residents per week (10 per day) for a total of 80 residents per month. However, a few more deliveries were added to accommodate more participants. The total deliveries per month is now 85. Residents will receive groceries once a month for four months. In January, the program will start a final group of 115 residents, from January through April. At the end of April, funds will be exhausted, and the program will end.

WEEK	CETG 2.0	CETG 2.0 WAIT LIST
12/1	0	5
12/5-12/8	20	7
12/12-12/15	23	7
12/19-12/22	22	0
12/26-12/29	20	0
TOTALS	85	19
FYTD Total	340	83

COMMUNITY CENTER

RENTALS

On Thursday, December 1, 2022, the Community Center kicked off the holiday season with the successful Tree Lighting Ceremony. It was a busy month filled with several holiday parties for residents and local business. A swearing in ceremony was also held for our recently elected officials, as well as a toy giveaway for Carson families.

The staff at the Carson Event Center would like to thank everyone for their patronage and support throughout the year. We hope everyone had a happy holiday season as we look forward to a great and prosperous new year!

The Carson Event Center is open for rentals, and the data for the month of December is as follows:

December 2022				
Event Type	December Events	December Revenue	FY Total Events	FY Total Revenue
Internal	56	\$48,139.35	339	\$282,341.01
External	86	\$0.00	630	\$0.00

FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

Renovations of the 2nd floor, Atrium, and East Wing restrooms have been completed and will be ready for use in the new year. The restrooms were upgraded to resemble the restrooms in the main halls, and now the two (2) remaining sets of restrooms - West Wing Lounge and Carson-Dominguez ballroom - will begin their upgrades.

TRANSPORTATION

The City of Carson’s Transportation workgroup provides City-wide 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 four routes. Riders can travel down major surface streets in both directions and make faster connections to major destinations and neighboring bus lines. Service hours and route schedules can be accessed through <https://ridelbt.com/carson/>.

Long Beach Transit Ridership

Route	Passenger Boardings	Revenue Miles*	Revenue Hours**
2	3,686	6,788	569
4	7,358	5,743	628
8	2,373	6,947	677
November 2022 totals	13,417	19,478 miles	1,874 hours
October 2022 totals	14,286	20,973 miles	1,958 hours

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

CARSON CIRCUIT

In conjunction with LBT, the Carson Circuit was reestablished effective January 3, 2022, as a staff-operated service in the form of two (2) new routes. The new service was designed to run concurrently with LBT as a supplemental, neighborhood-serving option.

To better meet the needs of its riders, service operates during peak commuting times between 7:00 am – 9:55 am, and again from 2:00 pm – 4:55 pm. These modifications were also supported by the City’s recently completed Comprehensive Operations Analysis, or Route Study. The service is currently being advertised through the City’s social media pages, flyers, and more.

Ridership has continued to gradually increase as more riders learn about the program and its routes. Additional flyers and social media posts will raise awareness across the community.

Carson Circuit Ridership						
	Cash Fare (\$1)	Wheelchair (free)	Seniors (free)	TAP	Transfers	Total Boardings
Nov 2022 – AM	31	-	143	3	19	177
Nov 2022 – PM	5	-	177	7	22	189
Nov 2022 Totals	36	1	320	10	41	366
Oct 2022 Totals	70	-	358	15	43	444

DIAL-A-RIDE

COVID-19 UPDATE: Through the end of the declared pandemic, Dial-A-Ride service has been made available to Carson residents of all ages, with or without disabilities. Participants can order on-demand taxi service and receive a 50% discount off their ride. Carson residents can take advantage of complimentary no-cost taxi rides to and from any City-designated vaccination site falling within three (3) miles of City boundaries. Taxi drivers will stay with the riders throughout the entire process, ensuring both a safe and worry-free return.

Dial-A-Ride Ridership				
	Total Rides	Total Passengers	Avg Trips per Day	Avg Cost per Trip
Nov 2022	1,319	1,725	44	\$12.50
Nov 2021 Comparison	1,438	1,814	48	\$12.49
CY 22 YTD	15,274	19,631	46	\$12.76

LYFT

Carson residents are eligible to receive a 50% discount off the cost of their Lyft ride. Riders pay half and the City pays the balance, 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
Nov 2022	724	\$11.30	\$5.60
Nov 2021 Comparison	663	\$11.73	\$5.75
CY 22 YTD	6,968	\$10.79	\$5.43
April 2020* – present	15,754	\$10.31	\$4.80

*Start of City partnership with Lyft.

Majority of rides took 7-8 minutes in duration, 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) Nationwide shortage of drivers/gig workers.

FUTURE PLANS

To enhance the new LBT and Carson Circuit service, staff is working on a capital improvement project to upgrade its bus stops with new shelters, benches, and trash receptacles. The furniture will mirror the newer units along Carson St. and by CSUDH. Staff is hoping to complete this project by the end of FY 2023 to beautify all stops throughout the city.

Additionally, staff is finalizing the acquisition of two electric vehicle (EV) minibuses as a pilot. EV busses emit zero greenhouse gasses, providing a cleaner environment for both riders and residents. Although upfront costs are higher than traditional internal combustion engine (ICE) buses, annual operating costs for EVs are expected to be significantly less than those of counterparts.