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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 5 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

RESERVATIONS

The Reservations section had 39 reservations scheduled, including 31 indoor (activity/recreation room) and eight outdoor (picnic grass/shelter) reservations for December. We had over 300 calls and inquiries for park fees and availability. The City of Carson also hosted its annual Tree Lighting, Winterfest, and city-wide park holiday celebrations.

December Revenue Reservations			
Park	Indoor	Outdoor	Total
Anderson Park	5	0	5
Calas Park	3	0	3
Carriage Crest Park	2	0	2
Carson Park	4	2	6
Del Amo Park	6	0	6
Dolphin Park	0	3	3
Dominguez Park	3	0	3
Foisia Park	1	1	2
Hemingway Park	0	1	1
Mills Park	3	0	3
Stevenson Park	0	0	0
Veterans Park	4	1	5
Dominguez Aquatics	0	0	0
Hemingway Aquatics	0	0	0
Carson Pool	0	0	0
Foisia Pool	0	0	0
Total Reservations	31	8	39
Total Monthly Revenue	\$9,626.30		

ADULT SPORTS

Basketball leagues began play on Sundays and Mondays and will run through January. Adult Baseball leagues are underway, with 18 teams playing. If the weather permits, it should be a great season!

YOUTH SPORTS

Our Basketball season began on December 16, 2023, with approximately 155 teams and will conclude on February 24, 2024. Registration for the upcoming Baseball/Softball/T-Ball season started on January 2, 2024.

ENRICHMENT CLASSES

The Drama, Voice, Lyrical, Folklorico, and Latin Modern performed at the Winter Fest Event on December 9th. It was the Lyrical dance class's first time performing in a city event. Ms. Tanisha instructed the class at Mills Park and will move the class to Carriage Crest Park for the Winter Session. The Holiday Gala was on December 20th at Stevenson Park, where the Chef prepared all the favorite dishes from the 10-week session and hosted holiday cookie decorating with 35 participants. This year, there will be new classes, including Art for Kids, starting in January at Veterans Park and a new independent contract class, Dream in Colors Art, beginning in February 2024 at Dominguez Park. Winter 2024 classes are now open on ActiveNet; the session started on January 8th and will end on March 22, 2024.

December 2023 (Revenue for the Month)

Classes	Participants	Revenue
Karate I	6	\$330.00
Karate II	1	\$275.00
Musical Theater	4	\$160.00
Ballet 1	6	\$238.00
Ballet 2	1	\$38.00
Hip Hop 1	9	\$342.00
Hip Hop 2	3	\$38.00
Math Made Easy!	8	\$270.00
Folklorico	46	\$1,848.00
Latin Modern	6	\$248.00
Art for Kids	5	\$245.00
Totals	95	\$4,032.00

KIDS CLUB

The approximate revenue for December was \$26,720.00.

Week	Calas	Carson	Del Amo	Dolphin	Veterans	Weekly Totals
12/4-12/8 Revenue	13 \$625.00	25 \$1,240.00	12 \$860.00	8 \$405.00	35 \$1,733.00	93 \$4,863.00
12/11-12/15 Revenue	10 \$485.00	26 \$1,280.00	20 \$1,400.00	8 \$405.00	35 \$1,733.00	99 \$5,303.00
12/18-12/22 Revenue	12 \$870.00	35 \$2,575.00	20 \$1,400.00	24 \$1,750.00	37 \$2,955.00	128 \$9,550.00
12/25-12/29 Revenue	11 \$710.00	26 \$1,900.00	13 \$910.00	22 \$1,598.00	24 \$1,886.00	96 \$7,004.00
Month Totals	46 \$2,690.00	112 \$6,995.00	65 \$4,570.00	62 \$4,158.00	131 \$8,307.00	416 \$26,720.00

AQUATICS

Aquatic Programming concluded on November 9th. During December, Aquatics was tasked with training Recreation Staff on American Red Cross - CPR/AED for Adults and Pediatrics, as well as First Aid. Classes were held weekly throughout November and December. Weekly trainings were from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and weekend classes were held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Aquatic Staff also helped with First Aid supervision for Winterfest on December 9th and for the Carson 411 vs. City of Carson Staff - Community Basketball event on December 8th.

Aquatic programming will resume on March 4th. Registration will begin on February 12th for Carson Residents and February 19th for Non-Residents. Lessons and various programming will be held at Carson Pool, and morning Aqua Aerobics will be held at Hemingway Aquatic Center, Monday - Thursday, 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

VETERANS SPORTSCOMPLEX

The attendance for December remains consistent, with a monthly total of 2,141. The Youth membership remains strong, followed by the Senior memberships and daily guest fees. In addition, there was a slight increase in annual signups for Silver Sneaker memberships. The monthly revenue was \$11,221.00.

Group Ex Classes

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

Week	Membership Attendance	New Member Sign-Ups	Wednesday Night Volleyball	Friday Night Volleyball	Daily Membership Fees	Daily Guest Pass	Weekly Totals
12/1/23 - 12/2/23	131	1	0	99	10	100	341
12/3/23 - 12/9/23	536	2	0	0	60	29	627
12/10/23 - 12/16/23	558	6	0	82	49	17	712
12/17/23 - 12/23/23	446	5	50	64	32	15	612
12/24/23 - 12/30/23	470	10	0	107	86	28	701
Monthly Totals	2,141	24	50	352	237	189	2,993

SPECIAL EVENTS

The annual Community Basketball Game was held on Friday, December 8, 2023, 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the Veterans SportsComplex. The City of Carson and Carson411 partnership led to a successful event with approximately 400 attendees. Three teams participated this year: The City of Carson Staff, Carson411, and the Carson Sheriffs. The City of Carson's staff was named the 2023 champions, marking their second consecutive win. Carson411 organized several donations that were provided throughout the event.

The annual WinterFest celebration was held on Saturday, December 9, 2023, 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Veterans Park. Over a dozen Enrichment and Kids Club groups provided entertainment throughout the day, along with music by DJ Alcatraz. The attendance for this year's event was double that of the previous year, with over 3,200 people of all ages registered via ActiveNet. More than 2,300 wristbands were distributed to patrons that allowed access to various activities such as the snow run, snow play area, inflatable games, jumpers, mazes, arts and crafts, trackless train ride, fire pit, and s'mores making, stage games, raffles, letters to Santa area, and a visit with Santa himself!

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

HUMAN SERVICES

STROKE CENTER

The Stroke Center is open Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Since Nathan Caukin has left the City of Carson, Daniel Murillo is now the Stroke Center Lead, supported by Bianca Arroyo and Sue Quedado.

Dr. Penoliar's two (2) interns provided occupational therapy Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., completing their caseloads on December 7, 2023. Dr. Penoliar provided OT four (4) days a week until December 21, 2023.

The survivors come and utilize the exercise equipment as needed, Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. A total of 93 people made use of the equipment this month. Chair Exercise classes provided fun and exercise to 64 people. We filled the chair volleyball classes this month with 45 survivors and caregivers. Due to the holidays, we had fewer Chair Yoga classes this month, but we still provided movement and meditation for ten people.

WEEK	STROKE CENTER				
	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	EQUIPMENT EXERCISE	CHAIR YOGA	CHAIR EXERCISE	CHAIR VOLLEYBALL
12/4-12/7	28	39	5	27	15
12/11-12/14	14	23	5	15	13
12/18-12/21	14	28	0	8	9
12/27-12/28	0	3	0	14	8
Monthly Totals	56	93	10	64	45
Totals To-Date	427	562	34	410	246
FYTD Total	483	655	44	474	291

SENIOR RECREATION

Senior Recreation continues offering free in-person classes inside 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, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., with attendance fluctuating from 11 to 65 participants per class. Foisia Park continues to provide a drop-in open fitness room with workout equipment, open basketball, and chess for senior participants. The program is run Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Two on-site staff members are always available at these parks to check participants in, check in 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 Center continues to provide drop-in 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., 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 the Dominguez Room at the Carson Center. 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. All programs are free for adults 50 years and older.

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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39
12/4 - 12/8	16	61	66	19	30	44	52	40
12/11 - 12/15	18	66	68	17	32	46	48	36
12/18 - 12/22	19	64	65	16	29	41	44	Closed
12/25 - 12/29	Closed	Closed	Closed	15	25	38	41	-
TOTALS	53	191	199	67	116	169	185	115
FYTD Total	325	1,591	1,700	394	572	969	1,122	671

WEEK	SENIOR IN-PERSON CLASSES AT STEVENSON PARK		
	YOGA	ZUMBA	FITNESS ROOM
12/1	-	47	8
12/4 - 12/8	11	42	9
12/11 - 12/15	9	44	6
12/18 - 12/22	9	38	7
12/25 - 12/29	Closed	29	5
TOTALS	29	200	35
FYTD Total	198	831	261

WEEK	FOISIA PARK		
	BASKETBALL	FITNESS ROOM	CHESS GROUP
12/1	48	9	0
12/4 - 12/8	48	8	0
12/11 - 12/15	42	9	0
12/18 - 12/22	44	6	0
12/25-12/29	38	6	0
TOTALS	220	38	0
FYTD Total	1,359	283	0

WEEK	CARSON CENTER - BINGO				
	VIP CLUB	TLC CLUB	JOLLY CLUB	FRIENDSHIP CLUB	SWINGING 50'S CLUB
12/1	-	-	-	10	-
12/4 - 12/8	77	36	77	0	8
12/11 - 12/15	64	39	79	129	12
12/18 - 12/22	77	41	78	0	11
12/25 - 12/29	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
TOTALS	218	116	234	139	31
FYTD Total	1,761	1,063	1,956	777	892

WEEK	CARSON CENTER - ACTIVITIES							
	TAI CHI	NEEDLE CRAFT (TUE)	CHAIR EXERCISE	SALSA	YOGA	BODY BALANCING	TABLE GAMES	NEEDLE CRAFT (FRI)
12/1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
12/4 - 12/8	13	5	17	8	28	18	18	4
12/11 - 12/15	16	5	18	7	29	14	21	3
12/18 - 12/22	14	4	17	6	31	14	18	4
12/25 - 12/29	Closed	Closed	14	Closed	24	9	15	3
TOTALS	43	14	66	21	112	55	72	18
FYTD Total	218	122	200	173	490	267	419	117

SENIOR SOCIAL SERVICES

Senior Social Service's mission is to ensure our most vulnerable homebound seniors stay home safely while meeting their essential needs. Senior Service Aide visits are running with full caseloads every week. 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 has added more seniors to this and other city programs and referred seniors to County and State programs. Staff is currently interviewing and reviewing applications to hire additional Aides. We hope to have four Aides working in the new year.

Human Services Assistant Coordinator Ilene Renteria has been in her position for six months! She has added new senior workshops and lectures to our programs. Staff looks forward to new additions in 2024, starting with the Senior Information & Resource Fair on January 25th. Our Senior Service Aide program is also under Ilene's management as we look to hire new employees and provide additional training for our current staff.

The 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 the new City employees in the Housing Department, Fariba Moghadam, and Toni Carter, as affordable senior housing remains a huge issue. Staff continues to receive inquiries about housing daily and refer them as necessary. With the addition of the new staff in the Housing department, our staff have been able to share in the tasks of all related responsibilities. Housing department staff will run the annual Homeless Count this year on January 24th, and Human Services staff will assist as necessary.

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. Furthermore, the 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 were filled with workshops, lectures, and training tailored to senior residents' needs and interests. A lecture series with Partners in Care, Bet Tzedek, H.E.L.P., GENESIS at Harbor UCLA, and Alzheimer's Association has been confirmed. This year, the Senior Share Storytellers, Bereavement, and Caregiver Support groups have been ongoing. A bi-annual luncheon with multiple speakers covering relevant topics will be held for attendees in the new year.

All staff assisted with the December 1st Christmas Ball senior luncheon and a Kiwanis-hosted Holiday Brunch on December 8th. We will focus exclusively on our annual Silver Cheer giveback program in the following weeks. We are fortunate to have many staff members throughout the city who volunteer to sponsor a senior during the holiday season. Gifts are provided, and cheer is brought to the recipients. During this year's deliveries, we will have our very own Santa on board and be joined by our senior silver cheer squad. As the holiday season approaches, senior residents and staff look forward to a season of joy and giving.

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 Carson Event Center and Dolphin Park.

The approximate revenue for December was \$31,345.00.

WEEK	EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION		
	AM	PM	FT
12/4 – 12/7	25	13	36
12/11 – 12/14	25	13	36
12/18 – 12/21	25	13	36
12/25 – 12/28	25	13	36
N/A	-	-	-
TOTALS	125	52	144
FYTD Total	600	312	864

THERAPEUTIC RECREATION

All fall programs and Special Olympics competitions ended in November. Registration is currently being held for winter programs, including Skill Builders, Indoor Sports, Art, and Adult Day Club.

WEEK	THERAPEUTIC RECREATION		
	Softball	Art	Adult Day Club
12/4 – 12/7	No class	8	5
12/11 – 12/14	12	No class	No class
12/18 – 12/21	No class	No class	No class
12/25 – 12/28	No class	No class	No class
N/A	-	-	-
TOTALS	12	8	5
FYTD Total	115	110	73

SPECIAL INTEREST CLASSES

Santa and his elves attended the City of Carson Tree Lighting, Winterfest, and the mayor's annual Christmas Toy Give-Away. They attended multiple city park Christmas parties and assisted in handing out gifts and cheer with the Silver Cheer program. Santa Sleigh private visits were available to the public the last weekend of December, providing 24 visit options to the residents of Carson.

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; in some cases, they 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, the Crafty Club, and Ladies Circle are on hiatus until the new year. The Nurturing Father program is between sessions, and the Girl's Empowerment Group is paused until we find a new staff member to facilitate the group. Both groups have been very successful so far.

Week	New Clients	Open Cases	Closed Cases	Referrals Received	Extra Linkages
12/4-12/7	0	4	0	0	4
12/11-12/14	0	4	0	0	6
12/18-12/21	0	4	0	0	3
12/25-12/28	0	4	0	0	2
N/A	0	0	0	0	0
Month Total	0	16	0	0	15
FYTD Total	2	11	9	14	114

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, as our knowledgeable staff has extensive experience in event planning and prides themselves on exceptional customer service before and throughout your event. We look forward to bringing your vision to life.

RENTALS

We closed out the year and holiday season with a busy month in December. At the Carson Event Center, we celebrated the Holiday Tree Lighting, several company holiday parties, and New Year's Eve parties. We also hosted an array of events, including social events, business meetings, and city-sponsored events. The data for December is as follows:

December 2023				
Event Type	December Events	December Revenue	FY Total Events	FYTD Total Revenue
External	84	\$94,525.91	323	\$328,391.03
Internal	120	\$0.00	869	\$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	4,359	6,928	576
4	7,762	5,705	635
8	2,646	6,982	689
Nov 2023 totals	16,731	19,615 miles	1,900 hours
Oct 2023 totals	16,731	20,276 miles	1,975 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. to 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
Nov 2023 – AM	38	-	129	2	33	169
Nov 2023 - PM	43	-	131	24	27	198
Nov 2023 totals	81	-	260	26	60	367
Oct 2023 totals	43	2	413	25	75	483

DIAL-A-RIDE

General 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 on their ride. Carson residents can 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				
Month & Year	Total Rides	Total Passengers	Avg Trips per Day	Avg Cost per Trip
Nov 2023	1,758 rides	2,483 passengers	59 trips per day	\$12.19 per trip
Nov 2022 comparison	1,319 rides	1,725 passengers	44 trips per day	\$12.50 per trip
CY 23 YTD	17,978 rides	24,180 passengers	54 trips per day	\$12.39 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			
Month & Year	Total Rides	Avg total cost per trip	Avg trip cost to rider
Nov 2023	932 rides	\$9.49	\$4.74
Nov 2022 comparison	724 rides	\$11.30	\$5.60
CY 23 YTD	9,134 rides	\$9.64	\$4.76
April 2020* – present	25,650 rides	\$10.12	\$4.80

*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) Nationwide shortage of drivers/gig workers.

FUTURE PLANS

Staff concluded a capital improvement project to upgrade the City's bus stops with new shelters, benches, and trash receptacles. These upgrades match the newer silver units along Carson Street and near CSUDH.

Additionally, staff is awaiting the delivery of two battery-electric buses (BEB) as a pilot. EV buses 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 EVs are expected to be significantly less than their ICE counterparts.