# CITY OF CARSON COMMUNITY SERVICES / PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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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 citizens' diverse interests in parks, recreation, and culture. This includes operating and maintaining twelve (12) parks and four (4) miniparks, 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. And Transportation provides citywide transportation programs related to improving the fixed-route public transit system, 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 indoor and outdoor picnic grass/shelter areas at all parks. For the month of April, there were a total of 47 reservations scheduled. Currently, the reservations department reserved 22 indoor (Activity/Recreation Room) and 25 outdoor (picnic grass/shelter) reservations for the month of April. We had over 300 calls and inquiry for park fees and availability.

Total Revenue for April: \$15,725.78

PARK	INDOOR	OUTDOOR	TOTAL
Anderson Park	1	2	3
Calas Park		1	1
Carriage Crest Park	3	4	7
Carson Park	2	7	9
Del Amo Park	2		2
Dolphin Park	2	4	6
Dominguez Park		1	1
Foisia Park	1		1
Hemingway Park	2	2	4
Mills Park		1	1
Stevenson Park	6	2	8
Veterans Park	3	1	4
TOTAL RESERVATIONS	22	25	47

## **ADULT SPORTS**

The Winter Season started in February for baseball and softball. Pickleball is very popular at Hemingway Park on Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. There is a growing interest to have open play during the daytime hours.

\*Note: Revenue is not indicative of weekly/monthly totals; the amount reported represents what was collected at the beginning of the season.

Winter Season

SPORT	TEAMS	LEAGUES	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT	*REVENUE
Coed Softball	18	3	119	79	\$7,560
Men Softball	9	2	59	40	\$3,780
Baseball	18	3	141	94	\$8,580
Total	45	8	319	213	\$19,920

# **YOUTH SPORTS**

The Basketball Championship games were held at Stevenson Park on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. This season's champions include Vets Lady Bruins for the Girls 1A, Stevenson Lady Trojans for the Girls 2A, Foisia Lady Bruins for the Girls 3A, Stevenson Spartans for the Boys 1A, Anderson DUCKS for the Boys 2A, Anderson DUCKS for the Boys 3A, and Stevenson SJU for the Boys 4A.

#### YOUTH SPORTS BASKETBALL TEAMS 2022

PARK	SL	RK	B1A	B2A	вза	B4A	G1A	G2A	G3A	TEAMS	PARTIC- IPANTS	RESIDENT	NON- RESIDENT	REVENUE
Anderson	1	1	1	1						5	46	36	10	\$4,835
Calas		2	1	1	1			1		6	53	44	9	\$5,260
Carson	3	4	5	4	2	1	2	1	1	23	203	195	8	\$19,485
Del Amo	1	2	2	1	1					7	61	54	7	\$5,400
Dolphin		1		1				1		3	23	20	3	\$2,260
Dominguez	1	1	1	1	1					5	47	43	4	\$4,595
Foisia	2	3	3	3	1	1	2	2	1	18	154	133	21	\$15,205
Hemingway	1	1	1	2	1	1		1		8	81	47	34	\$8,545
Mills			1							1	12	10	2	\$1,190
Stevenson	1	2	2	3	2	1		1	1	13	118	102	16	\$11,610
Veterans	4	6	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	22	200	168	32	\$19,800
TOTAL	14	23	20	20	11	5	5	8	4	111	998	852	146	\$98,185

The Recreation division is still working with the City Attorney and the Los Angeles Unified School District on a Joint Use Agreement (JUA). Within the next month or so, we hope that both sides can agree on the terms and the contract can be brought forward to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts commission then onto City Council for approval.

# **ENRICHMENT CLASSES**

Enrichment classes started the week of April 18th.

WEEK	DRAMA	PIANO	REVENUE
4/18-4/23		13	\$855
4/25-4/30	6	13	\$236
Month Total	6	26	\$1,091
FYTD Total	30	57	\$1,952

# PREVENTION AND AFTERCARE SERVICES

WEEK	NEW CLIENTS	OPEN CASES	CLOSED CASES	REFERRALS RECEIVED	EXTRA LINKAGES
4/4-4/7	0	10	0	1	4
4/11-4/15	0	10	0	0	6
4/18-4/21	0	10	0	0	8
4/25-4/28	0	10	0	0	3
Month Total	0	10	0	1	21
FYTD Total	36	N/A	34	131	423

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. Case navigation has been taking place via phone/virtually due to COVID restrictions but is slowly going back to in person upon health review with client and comfort levels. Social connection groups that include, Zumba, Yoga, Crafty Club, and Community Garden are scheduled to restart on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

## KIDS CLUB

Hours of operation are Monday thru Friday 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Spring Break Camp was offered during the week of April 11<sup>th</sup>.

WEEK	CALAS	CARSON	DEL AMO	DOLPHIN	VETERANS	TOTALS
4/4-4/7	12	18	14	11	28	83
4/11-4/15 Spring Break Camp	0	25	12	23	39	106
4/18-4/21	14	18	14	13	26	85
4/25-4/28	13	18	15	13	26	85
Month Total	39	79	55	60	119	359
FYTD Total	508	727	416	609	963	2,926

WEEK	CALAS	CARSON	DEL AMO	DOLPHIN	VETERANS	TOTALS
4/4-4/7	\$555	\$930	\$690	\$550	\$1,405	\$3,880
4/11-4/15	\$0	\$2,080	\$1,040	\$1,640	\$2,753	\$3,875
4/18-4/21	\$690	\$930	\$690	\$660	\$1,305	\$3,975
4/25-4/28	\$645	\$930	\$740	\$660	\$1,305	\$4,050
FYTD Month Total	\$5,285	\$12,435	\$8,510	\$8,340	\$13,043	\$75,118

## **AQUATICS**

Aquatic Programming is currently taking place at three (3) locations. Foisia Pool, Dominguez Aquatic Center, and Hemingway Aquatic Center. Foisia Programming includes: Lap Swim and Swim Conditioning. Dominguez Aquatic Center programming includes: Recreational Swim. Hemingway Aquatic Center programming includes: Aqua Aerobics, Aqua Zumba, Lap Swim, and Swim lessons. Carson Pool is currently closed due to maintenance. The following is Aquatics Program details:

FOISIA POOL WEEK	SWIM CONDITIONING	LAP SWIM
4/2-4/8	14	0
4/9-4/15	14	0
4/16-4/22	14	0
4/23-4/29	14	0
4/30	14	0
Month Total	70	0
Total Cost	\$2,240.00	0

# DOMINGUEZ AQUATIC CENTER

WEEK	RECREATION SWIM
4/2-4/8	\$3.00
4/9-4/15	\$29.00
4/16-4/22	\$5.00
4/23-4/29	\$10.00
4/30	
Monthly Total	\$47.00
Total Cost	\$47.00

## **HEMINGWAY AQUATIC CENTER**

WEEK	AQUA AEROBICS	AQUA ZUMBA	LAP SWIM	SWIM LESSONS 17 & below	SWIM LESSONS 18 & above
4/2-4/8	38	14	3	36*	5*
4/9-4/15	36	7	3		
4/16-4/22	31	12	3	49*	5*
4/23-4/29	31	0	1		J
4/30					
Monthly Total	136	33	10	85	10
Total Cost	\$544.00	\$132.00	\$40.00	\$4,704	\$470

<sup>\*2-</sup>week programming

The pools are being utilized by the high school swim teams and Cal State Dominguez Hills. Carson High School Swim practices Monday—Friday for two (2) hours each day a Foisia Pool. They have approximately 30 swimmers. Rancho Dominguez Preparatory School Swim practice Monday—Friday for two (2) hours each day at Dominguez Aquatic Center. They currently have 20 swimmers. Cal State University Dominguez Hills holds their swim courses Monday and Wednesday for two (2) hours each day at Hemingway Aquatic Center. They have approximately 30 students.

Carson High School has hosted one (1) swim meet at Foisia Pool against Rancho Dominguez High School. The swim meet was a success! As both teams practice in our Carson pools, we were witness to the competitive growth of both teams.

Staff is continuing to assist with the "Essentials To Go" deliveries on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Staff also assisted with special events as First Aid staff for Autism Awareness 5k at Cal State University Dominguez Hills, Earth Day at Anderson Park, and the Job Fair at the Carson Community Center. We also held the first ever Lifeguard Academy at Hemingway Aquatic Center on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>. The participants had three (3) days of intense lifeguard training and testing. Ten (10) participants passed the lifeguarding class.

## **VETERANS SPORTSCOMPLEX**

April's monthly attendance was up slightly with a total of 2,466. The recent trend of Youth and Silver Sneakers groups leading with the most membership signups continued last month. With the youth sports basketball season ending, we anticipate that our regular basketball travel ball groups will be back utilizing the facility for team practices and personal training sessions.

Our limited GroupEx class lineup remains the same: Yoga, Tuesday 9:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.; Zumba, Tuesday 6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.; Muscle Conditioning, Friday 8:30 a.m.–9:30 a.m.; Hula Hoop Fitness, Saturday 9:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.; Salsa, Friday 10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m. We are, however, working on updating the lineup and we should have a new set of classes to offer our members by the start of July. Lastly, facilities reservations picked up last month and inquiries continue to be strong.

The monthly revenue is \$14,583.

WEEK	MEMBERS	NEW MEMBER SIGN-UPS	GUEST PASS	WEEKLY TOTALS
4/1 – 4/2	118	3	3	121
4/3 – 4/9	578	38	43	624
4/10 – 4/16	521	16	29	556
4/17 – 4/23	552	27	26	581
4/24 – 4/30	540	8	37	584
Month Totals	2309	92	138	2466

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

On February 1, 2022, the City of Carson submitted two (2) Land Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) applications. The two (2) applications for matching grants are for Carriage Crest Park for \$5,900,000 and Foisia Park for \$4,250,000. The applications are now being reviewed by State of California-Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS). On Monday, April 25, 2022, the City of Carson met with a representative of the State of California to do a site visit for Foisia Park for the LWCF application submitted. Announcement of awards will occur sometime in June 2022.

The on-call architect contract was finalized and an updated concept plan and cost estimate was created for Carriage Crest Park that includes two (2) artificial turf soccer fields. Additional concept plans are currently being created for the Community Center along with some potential future CIP concept plans for the parks that include picnic shelters and playgrounds.

In addition, a Request For Proposal (RFP) is currently being drafted with Public Works' help for architect services for 100% construction documents and bid document prep services for Mills Park, Foisia Park, and Carriage Crest Park. Staff hopes to advertise on Planet Bids in May and go to City Council for approval in June 2022.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

# NATE RIDDICK VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION BANQUET

The Community Services/ Parks and Recreation Department resumed its annual Nate Riddick Volunteer Recognition Banquet in-person at the Community Center on April 1<sup>st</sup>. This year's theme was Country Western. Volunteers who donated 75 hours or more of their time to the City during the 2021 calendar year were invited to the event. This included volunteers from Parks and Recreation, Human Services, and the Council office. The event had 190 attendees, which included both volunteers and their guests. Volunteers were treated with a dinner, souvenir glass mug, and chances to win prize drawings. Entertainment included music by the Gold Rush Trio, stage games, and casino tables.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

FAITH, FRIENDS, & FAMILY FESTIVAL

Date & Time: Saturday, May 14, 2022 / Noon-6:00 p.m.

Location: Stevenson Park

**TEEN SUMMIT** 

Date & Time: Saturday, May 21, 2022 / 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Location: Carson Community Center

MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE

Date & Time: Thursday, May 26, 2022 / 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Veterans Sports Complex

# **COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION**

# **HUMAN SERVICES**

## STROKE CENTER

The Stroke Center is open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m., by appointment only. Occupational Therapy is available twice a week; every Monday (except holidays requiring closure) from 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Dr. Penoliar treats five (5) patients while being observed by his four (4) CSUDH interns, allowing sufficient time for patient planning, treatment, and discussion. Dr. Penoliar then adds an additional day each week, without the interns, to see another five patients between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to allow for the ever-growing population of our Occupational Therapy clients. We are also keeping a waiting list as interest in the Center and our services grow.

Wednesdays and Thursdays are open by appointment only for Equipment Exercise usage, as scheduled by Stroke Center staff, considering space, distancing, and availability, which allows for more consistent movement, exercise, and socialization opportunities for our stroke survivors. The Chair Exercise class on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m., facilitated by Sue Quedado, grows week to week. Staff is looking to integrate more classes into the non-therapy days based on member interest and safety and is eager to re-open the facility fully yet safely while working on the most effective way to make that happen.

The Stroke Center staff, led by Mr. Nathan Caukin and fully supported by Mr. Tony Zuniga, are always on hand for scheduling and to provide assistance and general supervision of the Stroke Center. During each patient's appointment, they are also present to ensure that all COVID-19 protocols are adhered to by staff and patrons alike. Masks are still mandatory for staff, but are simply "highly recommended" for members, who seem split about 50/50 on their preference. The Stroke Center is cleaned and sanitized after each patient/member appointment, and a deeper, more thorough cleaning is completed at the end of each day by custodial staff.

Staff is currently working with Dr. Hung from CSULB on bringing Speech Therapy back to the Center in the Spring of 2023.

## Stroke Center Awareness Month

Plans are underway for an Open House to be held in May at the Joseph B. Jr. and Mary Anne O'Neal Stroke Center. The Open House will allow members, their family and friends, medical professionals, staff, Council, and those interested, to see where we are, what we do, and get a glimpse into what we are looking to provide as we move forward.

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WEEK	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	EQUIPMENT EXERCISE	CHAIR EXERCISE
4/4-4/8	10	14	6
4/11-4/15	10	16	8
4/18-4/22	10	12	12
4/25-4/29	10	16	10
Month Total	40	58	36
FYTD Total	40	106	36

### SENIOR RECREATION

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

Senior Recreation continues to offer in-person classes at Carson Park and Stevenson Park inside the gymnasium, including 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 through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., with a fluctuation of attendance ranging from 5 to 61 participants per class. Two (2) on-site staff members are available to check participants in, perform temperature checks, ensure all participants wear masks correctly, and the facility is cleaned and sanitized.

Foisia Park continues to provide a drop-in open fitness room with workout equipment and open basketball for senior participants. The program runs Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m. In addition, two (2) staff members are available to check participants in, perform temperature checks, ensure participants wear their masks appropriately, and the facility is cleaned and sanitized.

SENIOR VIRTUAL CLASSES

WEEK	FUNCTIONAL FITNESS	SALSA	YOGA
4/1			
4/4-4/8	8	9	8
4/11-4/15	9	8	6
4/18-4/22	7	9	12
4/25-4/29	7	6	13
Month Total	31	32	39
FYTD Total	761	400	911

SENIOR IN	I-PFRSON	CLASSES	AT CARSON PARK

WEEK	HULA HOOP FITNESS	LINE DANCE	ZUMBA TUESDAY	FUNCTIONAL FITNESS	YOGA	ZUMBA TONING	ZUMBA THURSDAY	COUNTRY LINE DANCE
4/1								30
4/4-4/8	11	49	59	23	24	42	57	33
4/11-4/15	16	48	39	23	24	45	50	34
4/18-4/22	15	44	61	25	32	40	57	37
4/25-4/29	18	44	54	19	24	39	54	36
Month Total	60	185	213	90	104	166	218	170
FYTD Total	602	602	2360	219	1016	594	2504	389

#### SENIOR IN-PERSON CLASSES AT STEVENSON PARK

WEEK	YOGA	ZUMBA	FITNESS ROOM
4/1		38	4
4/4-4/8	7	35	3
4/11-4/15	5	38	4
4/18-4/22	3	33	3
4/25-4/29	4	36	2
Month Total	19	180	16
FYTD Total	454	2261	68

#### **FOISIA PARK**

WEEK	BASKETBALL	FITNESS ROOM
4/1	28	16
4/4-4/8	40	14
4/11-4/15	36	13
4/18-4/22	38	14
4/25-4/29	39	11
Month Total	181	68
FYTD Total	2624	710

## SENIOR SOCIAL SERVICES

Senior Social Services continues to do everything possible to ensure our most vulnerable population of homebound seniors can stay at home safely while having their essential needs met. Contactless visits resumed throughout April with Geriatric Aides providing lunches to seniors throughout the week and running errands, including trips to the grocery store and pharmacy, and assisting with essential chores that keep seniors home safe while maintaining their independence. With increased referrals, seniors continue to be added to our list of contactless visits for this type of assistance, referring those interested to County and State programs.

The Assisted Living program helps other departments, including Code Enforcement, Housing, and Transportation. With the assistance of the Geriatric Aides, the coordinator visits seniors who have no means of transportation to help complete Dial-A-Ride applications (DAR), Carson Essentials 2.0 verification, Code Enforcement Hoarding cases, general welfare checks, adult Protective Service, and LA Homeless Portal cases as necessary.

Keeping abreast of resources developed through the county, state, and federal programs have been essential in providing our seniors with the latest programs they may be eligible for, along with organizations and community partners that continue to offer virtual programming. In addition, welfare checks continue in collaboration with the county's adult protective services and the Carson Sheriff's station. Finally, calls regarding homelessness and housing continue to increase.

Minimal in-person groups continue, including Senior Share Storytellers, Bereavement Support Group, and Caregiver Support Group. Due to the increased number of participants, staff will soon add additional times. Programming will continue, including the requested educational courses on Aging, Fraud, and Financial Planning.

The Mental Health Resource Forum will be held virtually on May 7<sup>th</sup>, including panelists and a welcoming session from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; ActiveNet is live for the FREE registration. Development of pre-recorded sessions is underway and will go live on the morning of the event with the help of IT, giving participants time to view before the 11:00 a.m. start time. Participants can submit their questions before or during the panel. A resource guide will be made available in addition to yoga and breathing sessions.

Earth Day took place at Anderson Park on April 9th, from 12:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. Several of our senior programs were showcased during the event, including Yoga with Sue, Zumba with Jewel, and Woodworking with Dale. In addition, Frankie Stewart represented the Senior Share Storytellers by having a reading area, "Storytime with Queen Mother Earth," where she read "The Giving Tree" and several other earth-friendly stories. Over 300 people attended the event, and feedback was extremely positive from attendees and vendors.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD

Early Childhood continues to offer full—time classes Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. at Carson Community 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 Community Center and Dolphin Park.

The approximate revenue for the month of April is \$31,345.

	In-Person		In-Person
WEEK	AM	PM	FT
4/4-4/8	25	13	36
4/11-4/15	25	13	36
4/18-4/22	25	13	36
4/25-4/29	25	13	36
Month Total	100	52	152
FYTD Total	941	532	1752

**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION** 

# THERAPEUTIC RECREATION

Therapeutic Recreation hosted our annual Autism Awareness 5K at California State University Dominguez Hills on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The turnout was amazing with 588 paid registrants plus spectators, family, and friends. The event also hosted 14 vendors at the resource fair providing valuable information to the public. The spring session of Virtual Social Club and Adventures In Art also began in April. Skill Builders Occupational Therapy is still ongoing through May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The approximate revenue for the month of April was \$9,000.

#### THERAPEUTIC RECREATION

WEEK	SOCIAL CLUB	ART & CRAFTS	SKILL BUILDERS OT
4/2	No class	No class	No class
4/4-4/8	5	4	4
4/11-4/15	5	5	5
4/18-4/22	6	6	5
4/25-4/29	6	6	5
Month Total	22	21	19
FYTD Total	77	64	44

## SPECIAL INTEREST CLASSES

The Start Smart basketball season went well, with a full schedule and filled to capacity, coming to an end the week of April 4, with an all-teams outdoor cookout and trophy ceremony held at Carson Park on Saturday, April 9, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

The Start Smart T-ball program is filled to capacity and classes began Monday, April 18, 2022, running four (4) days a week, Monday–Thursday, from 5:15 p.m.–6:00 p.m.at Calas Park for the next 8 weeks.

APRIL 2022	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Resident (\$44)	8	8	10	8
Resident Sub-total	\$352	\$352	\$440	\$352
Non-Resident (\$55)	2	2	0	2
Non-Resident Sub-total	\$110	\$110		\$110
Participants	10	10	10	10
Revenue Month Total	\$462	\$462	\$440	\$462
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START SMART T-BALL

The AARP Tax-Aide program ended on Wednesday, April 13, 2022. AARP offered electronic preparation and filing via a drop-off/pick-up system. Three (3) preparers each took four (4) appointments, totaling 12 appointments a day. Over the nine (9) weeks they were available, they provided FREE tax preparation and filing services to 241 people!

Fit Happens returned to in-person live bootcamps on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, for the remainder of the fiscal year with consistent attendance. All new signups and the purchase of class punch cards occur through ActiveNet.

Staff worked to fully operate the East Wing Reception Desk in anticipation of returning to in-person Senior Recreation classes, which will generate more foot traffic and require consistent and constant customer service at the CJMM Community Center. In addition, staff is working with Early Childhood to reimplement our Early Start Education program for the 2022 fall season and is currently researching staff, location, and participant interest.

## **COVID TASK FORCE**

The COVID Task Force was initially created to assist the community with emergency programs and resources needed for the COVID-19 pandemic. However, over the past year, the needs of the community

have evolved from assisting and feeding many residents, to providing COVID testing, supporting homebound seniors, collaborating with outside organizations, and providing vaccinations.

Staff's biggest challenge was creating innovative ways to deliver these services to an elderly population with little technical knowledge. To solve this issue, staff created call centers to answer questions from the community, provide welfare checks to homebound seniors, and distribute flyers of all current programs, including our daily Grab-N-Go lunch program.

WEEK	CALL CTR	GRAB & GO MEALS	TEST SITE CALL CTR	TEST SITE TEST GIVEN	TEST SITE HOME VISITS	CETG 2.0
4/4-4/7	0	1500	0	0	0	40
4/11-4/14	0	1500	0	0	0	14
4/18-4/21	0	1500	0	0	0	30
4/25-4/28	0	1500	0	0	0	10
Month Totals	0	7500	0	0	0	94
FYTD Total	17,217	269,330	9,685	45,334	113	2,452

Discontinued Programs - Carson Essentials to Go: 1,656; Food Distribution: 300; Meals on Wheels: 11,146

As a result of the discontinuation of weekly testing, the numbers for employee tests taken are currently unavailable.

## **COMMUNITY CENTER**

## **RENTALS**

The City of Carson Disaster Council decided to align with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and declared that attendee face masks are recommended, but no longer required, to enter the facility. All city staff are still required to wear face masks and we continue to temperature scan all incoming guests.

The Community Center is open for rentals. Data for the month of April is as follows:

WEEK	INTERNAL	EXTERNAL	REVENUE	FY 21-22 Revenue YTD	FY 21-22 External YTD
3/27 – 4/09	31	22	\$ 11,386.80	\$63,687.75	105
4/10 – 4/16	20	13	\$ 8,882.35	\$59,515.25	76
4/17 – 4/23	16	13	\$9,765.20	\$73,438.40	84
4/24 – 4/30	17	11	\$12,001.83	\$83,235.53	101
Monthly Total	84	59	\$42,036.18	\$279,876.93	366

## **FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS**

The Audio-Visual (AV) upgrades continue in Community Hall ABC. New control panels, wiring and cameras have been installed but we are waiting for the arrival and installation of the new screens and projectors to complete the main hall upgrades. The Carson-Dominguez ballroom AV upgrades will begin once the new projectors and screens arrive.

Renovations of the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Atrium and East Wing restrooms have begun. The restrooms are being upgraded to resemble the restrooms in our main halls, with an anticipated completion in June of 2022. Once these renovations are complete, the three (3) remaining restrooms will also begin 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 (4) 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 schedule can be accessed through <a href="https://ridelbt.com/carson/">https://ridelbt.com/carson/</a>.

In comparison to February, March ridership saw a decent increase of 24%. Staff anticipates ridership to gradually grow as riders continue to hear about the new service.

Route	Passenger Boardings	Revenue Miles*	Revenue Hours**
2	2,832	7,708	643
4	6,475	6,209	692
8	1,903	7,545	734
March 2022 totals	11,210	21,462 miles	2,069 hours
February 2022 totals	9,035	18,781 miles	1,814 hours

LONG BEACH TRANSIT RIDERSHIP

## **CARSON CIRCUIT**

In conjunction with LBT, the Carson Circuit was reestablished effective January 3, 2022 as a staff-operated program in the form of two (2) new routes. The new service runs concurrently with LBT, helping Carson students travel to and from their respective schools, and provides easier connections to LBT and neighboring bus lines.

To better meet the needs of Carson riders, service operates during peak commuting times between 7:00 a.m.–9:55 a.m., and again from 2:00 p.m.–4:55 p.m. These modifications were also supported by the City's recently completed Comprehensive Operations Analysis, or route study. The launch of this new service is currently being advertised through the City's social media pages, flyers, and more.

Similarly, to LBT, staff anticipates ridership to gradually increase as more riders learn about the program and its routes. Additional flyers and social media posts will help to promote awareness across the community.

## CARSON CIRCUIT RIDERSHIP

	Cash Fare (\$1)	Wheelchair (free)	Seniors (free)	Transfers	Total Trips
March 2022 - AM	25	-	63	4	92
March 2022 - PM	94	-	103	36	233
March 2022 totals	119		166	40	325
February 2022 totals	112	-	138	44	294

<sup>\*</sup>Miles traveled while performing route

<sup>\*\*</sup>Hours incurred while performing route

## **DIAL-A-RIDE**

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. As of March 2021, 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.

Compared to same-month ridership in 2021, February 2022 was nearly identical in number of rides. Much like the surge of the Delta variant in late 2020, the most recent Omicron variant impacted ridership through the start of 2022.

	Total Rides	Total Passengers	Avg Trips per Day	Avg Cost per Trip
March 2022	1,345	1,830	43	\$13.72
March 2021 comparison	1,527	2,105	49	\$12.37
FY 2022 YTD	12,627	16,053	46	\$12.52

DIAL-A-RIDE RIDERSHIP[1]

#### **LYFT**

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

#### LYFT RIDERSHIP[1]

	Total Rides	Avg total cost per trip	Avg trip cost to rider
March 2022	646	\$10.63	\$5.25
March 2021 comparison	461	\$ 8.97	\$4.48
FY 21-22 YTD	5,484	\$11.35	\$5.69
April 2020* - present	10,633	\$10.02	\$4.58

<sup>\*</sup>Start of City partnership with Lyft.

Majority of rides took 7-8 minutes in duration, 7.6 miles in distance. Average trip costs are rising due to:

Compared to ridership during the same time last year, ridership in March 2022 increased by over 40%. This can most likely be attributed to the steady drops in positive COVID-19 cases.

## **FUTURE PLANS**

To compliment the new LBT and proposed Carson Circuit bus routes, staff is working on a future capital improvement plan to purchase new bus shelters and benches. The shelters will be similar to the newer silver models along Carson Street and CSUDH. Staff is working towards replacing all of the remaining shelters by FY 2024 in an effort to create a modern and uniform look throughout the City.

Additionally, staff is finalizing the acquisition of two (2) 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.

<sup>1)</sup> increased ride times from traffic returning to pre-pandemic levels and; 2) nationwide shortage of drivers/gig workers.

<sup>[1]</sup> Data received directly from contractor; statistics delayed due to internal review by contractor before release