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Recreation & Senior Services Department Monthly Activities Report



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## Spooktacular at Mariners Park



Come out and join us for the 8th Annual Halloween Spooktacular at Mariners Park! This free community event includes music, trunk-or-treat area, a haunted walkthrough, carnival games, bounce houses, costume contests, food trucks, and fun for the whole family! Food will be available for purchase from local favorites. [Mariners Park & VJ Community Center](#) is located at 1300 Irvine Ave., Newport Beach, CA 92660. Parking is limited. Walking and biking are encouraged.

## OASIS Concert

On Friday, September 12, we wrapped up this year's OASIS Concerts in the Courtyard with an unforgettable evening. The show featured a heartfelt Roy Orbison tribute that had the entire crowd singing along. We're excited to share that the show sold out, with 300 tickets sold in under two hours! The weather was perfect, providing a beautiful backdrop for the incredible energy that filled the courtyard from start to finish.





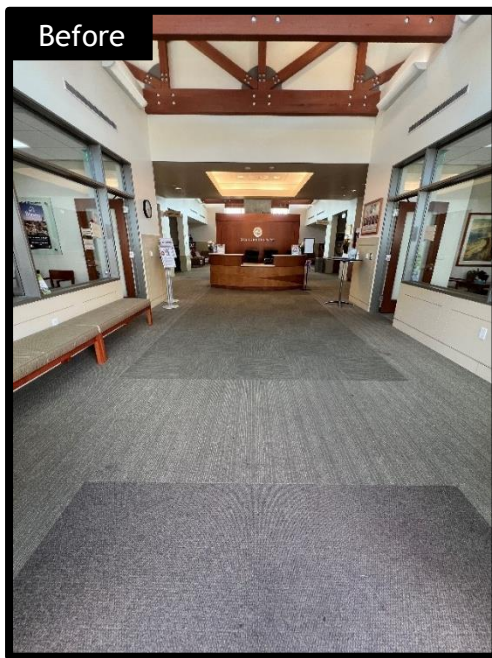
### OASIS 100 Mile Club Fitness Challenge

As of September 2, the OASIS Fitness Center has officially kicked off its 100 Mile Club Challenge! Participants have 12 weeks to log their walks or runs on the Strava app toward the 100-mile goal. Finishers will not only receive an exclusive OASIS 100 Mile Club visor but also earn a spot on the Fitness Center's Wall of Fame! The challenge is off to a strong start with 25 registrations in the first week and counting. Participants enjoy the chance to stay active while working toward a fun fitness milestone together.



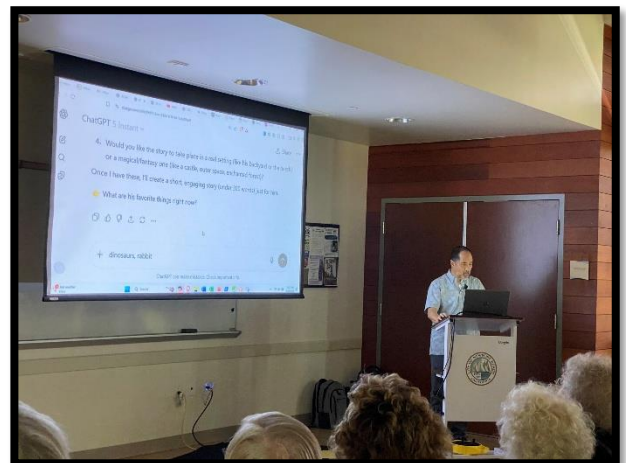
### OASIS Carpet Replacement

On Monday, August 11, OASIS initiated a two-week project to replace the carpet throughout the administration building and several additional areas of the facility. Since the 2010 rebuild, the original carpet had experienced significant wear due to high daily use, with an average of 500-700 participants visiting OASIS each day, making it one of the City's most utilized public facilities. The replacement was necessary to maintain the quality, safety, and appearance of the building. Public Works played a key role in getting this project underway and ensuring its successful completion. The project was finished on schedule, and both participants and staff have expressed their appreciation for the improvement, noting the refreshed and welcoming environment it has created.



### AI Lecture at OASIS

On Tuesday, September 16, the OASIS Senior Center hosted a well-attended lecture on Artificial Intelligence, drawing 77 participants. Presenter Wendell Chong delivered an engaging and highly praised talk, covering the history of AI and demonstrating practical ways it can be a helpful tool in daily life. He showed attendees how to access top news stories, better understand a blood test, and even create illustrated stories to entertain grandchildren. The presentation sparked lively interest and concluded with questions about when the next AI lecture would be scheduled, as many participants expressed enthusiasm for learning more.





### OASIS Karaoke Celebration

September was National Senior Center Month and OASIS celebrated with a Karaoke Party on Tuesday, September 9. Dozens of talented singers and spectators gathered and cheered for each other. There was singing, dancing, trivia, but most importantly the community came together to have a fun filled afternoon and create memories. Leading into the celebration, we asked patrons to write about their experience with OASIS. We received many responses via handwritten letters and emails which shared most memorable moments and how OASIS has significantly affected their lives.



### OASIS 9-11 Blood Drive

On September 11, OASIS Senior Center hosted a Blood Drive led by staff members from the American Red Cross. We had 35 donors donate blood, and the American Red Cross collected 36 units, which is enough to help save up to 108 lives in local hospitals. Ten of those donors gave blood for the first time! It was a successful event which we plan to continue in the coming years.





### Movie in the Park

Sunset Ridge Park was full of energy on Friday, September 5 as we hosted our third Movie in the Park of the season, featuring the animated hit *A Minecraft Movie*. Around 300 residents joined the fun, enjoying the beautiful sunset, arts and crafts, games and plenty of popcorn!

Don't miss your last chance to join the fun this season! Our final Movie in the Park will be taking place on Friday, October 3 at Irvine Terrace Park with a showing of *Lilo & Stitch*. Activities begin at 6 p.m. with the movie starting at 6:45 p.m.!



### First Aid/CPR/AED Instructor Training

Last month, Recreation Supervisors Cesar Armas and Jena Zapien, along with Recreation Coordinator Savannah Bonifay, successfully completed the American Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED Instructor Training Course. With this certification, they are now qualified to teach First Aid/CPR/AED courses. This achievement strengthens the Recreation and Senior Services Department's ability to ensure that staff are properly trained and certified to respond confidently and effectively in emergency situations. Having three certified instructors on staff allows the department to have greater flexibility in scheduling training courses to meet operational needs. They are excited to begin training department staff this upcoming Winter season!

### Fostering interest in Nature (Fiin)

Fostering interest in Nature (Fiin), is an 8-week overnight science and nature camp offered in partnership with the Newport Dunes Resort and Newport Bay Conservancy. Local Title I elementary schools from Orange County apply to bring their 5th grade classes to the program. The program is a 3-day, 2-night intensive science camp.

Fiin is operating September 15 through November 7 featuring activities and lessons in art and nature, hiking, kayaking, outdoor recreation, food webs, habitat ecology, marine biology, astronomy, and conservation. Additionally, students get the





opportunity to experience roasting hot dogs and marshmallows over a campfire and sleeping in a tent. With a maximum capacity of 40 students each session, the program aims to serve 500 students over the course of each season. FiiN launched in Spring 2019 and completed its fourth full session in 2024. In 2025, we have another full schedule with over 500 participants, representing 10 different schools. FiiN will continue to create lifelong memories for participants all while fostering an interest in nature and a love for all that is wild in Orange County.

### Fall Youth Sports Seasons Underway

With school back in session, so are our local youth sports organizations! Fall welcomes the beginning of several youth sports seasons including soccer and football back onto the City's athletic fields. The City's Youth Sports Commission members work collaboratively with City Staff to ensure that each organization is allocated field space to conduct weekly practice and games, while addressing any maintenance issues that may arise during the season.



### Mayor's Youth Council

This year, we received a total of 58 applications for the Mayor's Youth Council, which we are currently in the process of interviewing. The applicants, ranging from 9th to 12th grade, come from a diverse array of schools, including Corona del Mar High School, Fairmont Preparatory Academy, Laurel Springs High School, Newport Harbor High School, Sage Hill School, St. Margaret's Episcopal School, JSerra Catholic School, Mater Dei High School, and one applicant from iLead Exploration, a home school program. Notably, all candidates reside within Newport Beach, reflecting our commitment

to engaging local youth in city governance and community service. This year's program is scheduled to kick off on October 13 with our first volunteer opportunity being October 25, at our Halloween Spooktacular.

## OASIS Free Flu Shot Clinic

The OASIS Senior Center is hosting a Free Flu Shot Clinic on Wednesday, October 22, from 9 to 11 a.m. in Room 1. Provided by HOAG Faith Community Nurses and Community Benefit, this clinic offers both senior doses and regular flu shots while supplies last. Protect yourself and your loved ones this flu season by taking advantage of this convenient community service. The clinic is open to the public, and RSVPs are recommended by calling 949-644-3244 or emailing [OASIScenter@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:OASIScenter@newportbeachca.gov).



**Provided by:** HOAG Faith Community Nurses & Community Benefit

**FREE FLU SHOT CLINIC**

*Let's protect yourself and your loved ones*

**Wednesday, October 22**  
**9:00–11:00a.m. | Room 1**

**Senior Doses AND Regular Flu Shots 'While Supply Lasts'**

**OASIS Senior Center**  
801 Narcissus Ave. Corona del Mar

**RSVP Recommended**, call 949-644-3244 or email [OASIScenter@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:OASIScenter@newportbeachca.gov)

## Park Patrol

Due to the timing of the meeting, these monthly summaries will be two months behind (i.e. in June you will receive April summary). During the month of **August**, Park Patrol completed the following:

PATROL CHECKS	
Youth Sports Groups	19
Field related issues/checks	118
Park/Picnic/reservation issues/checks	12
Community Center issues/checks	31
Playground checks	155
Other	127
PUBLIC CONTACTS	
Education	4
Alcohol	5
Dog related	238
Written Warnings Issued	2
Citations Issued	1

## Special Event Permits

As of September 15, 2025, there were 135 Special Event Permits processed and issued for the year. Those events of note for this period are:

Event Name	Location	Dates	Attendance
Summer Concert on the Green (Pacific Symphony)	Newport Beach Civic Center	August 17, 2025	3000
Movie in the Park	Sunset Ridge Park	September 5, 2025	250
Summer Concert on the Green (Tijuana Dogs)	Newport Beach Civic Center	September 14, 2025	2000

## Facility Use

During the period of August 16, 2025 - September 15, 2025, were:

<b>FACILITY USE (Indoor)</b>	
Civic Center Community Room	17
Community Youth Center (CYC)	6
Junior Guard Building	3
Marina Park Event Room	6
Marina Park Classrooms	18
Newport Coast Community Center	31
Newport Coast Community Center Gym	17
OASIS Event Room	0
OASIS Classrooms	7
<b>FACILITY USE (Outdoor)</b>	
Marina Park Picnic/Park Area	8
Picnic/Park Area	30
Fields	5