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NEWPORT BEACH

PB&R Commission Staff Report

Agenda Item **VI-C**
August 4, 2026

TO: Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission

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TITLE: RSS Activity Report

RSS MONTHLY RECAP:

Sean Levin Retirement

Sean Levin retired as the Recreation & Senior Services Director in July after over 24 years of dedicated service to the Newport Beach community.

Sean's leadership enhanced department operations, elevated recreational facilities and been an integral part of the department for nearly three decades. Sean served in project teams for Buck Gully Open Space, Newport Coast Community Center, Sunset Ridge Park and Marina Park. He helped to create and maintain legacy programs and events in Newport Beach like the Youth Track Meet, Mayor's Youth Council, Mariners Park Halloween Spooktacular and the 4th of July is for Families Balboa Peninsula parade. Sean served as a board member of the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines Foundation and staff liaison to the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission over the past 4 years, providing invaluable guidance and support to the Commission.

Thank you Sean for your dedication, time and over care you have given the community through your leadership in recreation and senior services. Your work product and impact will continue to live on through Newport Beach staff, parks, facilities and programs.

Thank you, from your Recreation & Senior Services Team.



15th Annual 4th of July is for Families Celebration

The 15th annual 4th of July is for Families event in West Newport Beach was a great success and our biggest turnout yet! The event started at 36th Street with a bike parade down Balboa Blvd to Channel Place Park.

Once the participants arrived at the park, the festival began with carnival games, bounce houses, face painters, game master, and delicious food options provided by Chronic Taco. Thank you to our sponsors, Nicolai Glazer Real Estate Group, Starbucks and Bal-Port Grocery for your support of this great event.



Mariners Movie in the Park Recap

The Recreation & Senior Services Department hosted our second Movies in the Park event which took place on Friday, July 10 at Mariners Park. The event welcomed approximately 300 attendees for an evening of family fun and a screening of GOAT. Families enjoyed a variety of colorful and interactive activities including sand art, visiting the photo booth, participating in our Plinko game for themed prizes and City swag, and enjoying complimentary popcorn and candy.

A huge thank you to all our amazing staff who helped make this event such a success! We would like to thank Park Patrol and NBPD for their assistance and support in helping make the event possible.



Make a Splash at Splash Bash!

The first two Splash Bash events of the season brought families and friends together for afternoons filled with recreational swimming, music, and plenty of summer fun. Now, we're wrapping up the season with one final pool party.

Join us for the third and final Splash Bash of the season on Friday, July 31, from 12–3 p.m. at the Newport Harbor High School Pool. Enjoy recreational swim, music, and summer fun with your family and friends. Participants can also test their skills on our exciting pool inflatable obstacle course after completing a one-lap, unassisted swim test.

Bring your swimsuit, your crew, and your best summer vibes!

- Newport Harbor High School Pool: 600 Irvine Ave. Newport Beach, CA 92663
- Admission: \$5 per participant



Witte Hall Grand Opening

The Witte Hall Grand Opening Weekend began on Thursday, July 9, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the opening of Witte Hall and Stahr Courtyard. On Friday, July 10, the Newport Beach Library Foundation hosted a special Donor Dinner, honoring the generous supporters whose contributions helped make the new facilities possible.

Festivities continued Saturday, July 11, with the Newport Beach Public Library and Recreation & Senior Services Department's "Open House & Family Summer Celebration," held from 2–4 p.m. The day also featured a lecture by surf legend Shaun Tomson. The weekend concluded on Sunday, July 12, with the Newport Beach Public Library Sunday Musicale, featuring Wonsun Keem, In Hee Na, Crystal Soo-Jung, and Andy Su in a grand-opening performance by an exceptional cello quartet.



“Surfin” OASIS Concert in the Courtyard

On July 17 OASIS hosted the first of two Summer Concerts. “Surfin” The Beach Boys Tribute Concert at the OASIS Senior Center was a tremendous success, bringing the timeless sounds of summer to an enthusiastic crowd of over 300.

The vibrant atmosphere made the event truly special, as attendees sang along to classic Beach Boys hits and shared smiles with friends old and new. The positive energy and nostalgic performances created an uplifting experience that celebrated the spirit of summer and brought everyone together.

It was the perfect way to kick off the summer, and we look forward to doing it again with Jumping Jack Flash, a Rolling Stones Tribute, on September 18.



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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 months of May & June, Park Patrol completed the following:

PATROL CHECKS	
Youth Sports Groups	24
Field related issues/checks	722
Park/Picnic/reservation issues/checks	49
Community Center issues/checks	323
Playground checks	609
Other	643
PUBLIC CONTACTS	
Education	24
Alcohol	23
Dog related	226
Written Warnings Issued	2 (Parking) 36 (Admin)
Citations Issued	45 (Parking) 6 (Admin)

Special Event Permits

As of July 15, 2026, there were 100 Special Event Permits processed and issued for the year. Those events of note for this period are:

Event Name	Location	Dates	Attendance
Corona del Mar 5k	Corona del Mar	June 6, 2026	2000
Firefighter Summer Games	Various parks in NB	June 21-26, 2026	5000
Newport Dunes Celebration & Fireworks	Newport Dunes	July 4, 2026	5000
Port of July	Buffalo Hills Park	July 4, 2026	500
4 th of July is for Families	Channel Place Park	July 4, 2026	500
Mariners Park Parade	Mariners Park	July 4, 2026	1500
Old Glory Boat Parade	Newport Harbor	July 4, 2026	300
Peninsula Point Association Parade	Peninsula Point	July 4, 2026	300
Newport Beach Country Club Fireworks	Newport Beach Country Club	July 4, 2026	900
Caruso Party & Fireworks	Barge in Ocean Wedge	July 4, 2026	150

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Facility Use

During the period of May 16, 2026 - July 15, 2026, were:

FACILITY USE (Indoor)	
Civic Center Community Room	49
Community Youth Center (CYC)	20
Marina Park Event Room	35
Marina Park Classrooms	173
Newport Coast Community Center	44
Newport Coast Community Center Gym	29
OASIS Event Room	18
OASIS Classrooms	23
FACILITY USE (Outdoor)	
Marina Park Picnic/Park Area	56
Picnic/Park Area	117
Fields	38

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OASIS Senior Center - May 2026

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS	8,505
RECREATIONAL CLASSES (unpaid)	1,236
FITNESS CENTER	6,839
PERSONAL TRAINING SERVICES	430
TRANSPORTATION RIDES PROVIDED	895
New clients	12
MEALS PROVIDED	2,726
Congregate Meals	143
Meals on wheels	2,583
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LOANS	28
TOTAL RENTALS	18
Private	0
Commercial	0
Non-Profit	9
NMUSD	3
Internal	6
VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOURS PROVIDED @ OASIS	969
Congregate Meals	143
Greeters	187
General membership meeting	20
Gift Shop	132
Home delivered meals	200
Library	28
Travel Office	259
SOCIAL SERVICES & RESOURCES PROVIDED	41
Counseling	5
SHARP	0
Employment	0
HICAP	6
Housing	3
Information and Referral	7
Telephone reassurance	4
Senior assessment	7
Legal assessment	5
Caregiver Referrals	4
FRIENDS OF OASIS TRIPS & PARTICIPANTS	94
Old Pasadena Foodie Walking Tour 5/20	44
San Diego Hidden Gems 5/14	50
SPECIAL EVENTS/SCREENINGS/LECTURES PARTICIPANTS	26
Tech Tutoring 5/7	3
Sing-a-long 5/13	23
Veterans Social Group 5/19	31
AI + Scams 5/5	23
Stroke is no joke 5/12	26
Costal Circle 5/14	32
Class Demo: Self-Defense 5/16	27
HOAG Health Screening 5/16	63
HOAG Knee Lecture 5/21	36

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

Fall Registration for Recreation Opens August 6

This fall, the Recreation & Senior Services Department will offer hundreds of classes for all ages, including new programs alongside returning favorites. Highlights include Soccer for All Abilities, toddler sports classes, youth acting taught by a SAG-AFTRA actor, and Beginning K-Pop dance. Participants can also choose from a wide variety of arts, fitness, enrichment, sports, and lifelong learning opportunities.

Registration for fall recreation classes and four A.C.E. (After Class Enrichment) program sites opens Thursday, August 6 at 8 a.m., allowing families to plan their fall activities in one place. Registration for the Lincoln Elementary, Newport Coast Elementary and Newport Elementary A.C.E. programs open August 17.

Residents can register at newportbeachca.gov/register and learn more about A.C.E. programs at newportbeachca.gov/ACE.



Movie in the Park – The Bad Guys 2

Bring family, friends, and neighbors out to Cliff Drive Park to enjoy some fresh air, free popcorn, free candy, free activities, and a live screening of "The Bad Guys 2". Remember to bring a chair, blanket, or towel for comfortable sitting during the movie.

- Friday, August 21 | 7 p.m. | 2804 Cliff Dr, Newport Beach, CA 92663



Mayor's

Youth Council Applications Open

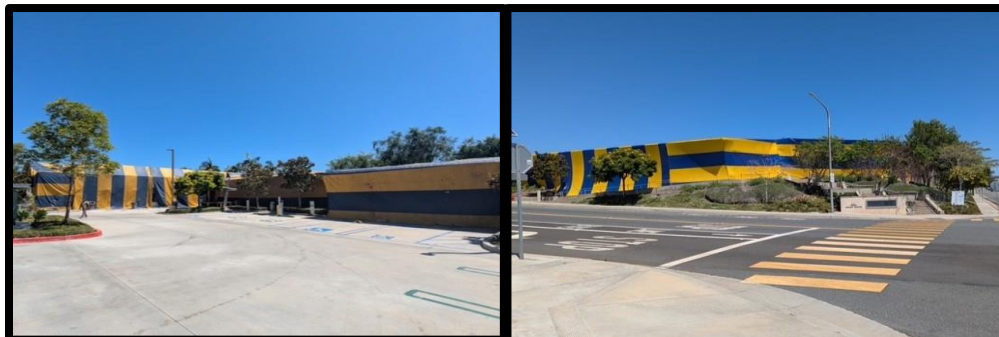
Applications are now being accepted for the 2026-2027 Mayor's Youth Council unpaid internship program. The Mayor's Youth Council aims to educate high school students in Newport Beach about the significance of civic duty. Participants will be paired with city staff and spend a minimum of four hours over the year learning about their mentor's job responsibilities. Additionally, participants will assist with city special events and create their own service project. Last year, the program received 58 applications and accepted 17 participants. All selected candidates must reside in Newport Beach and be high school students. Applications are due Friday, September 4.



RSS UPDATES:

OASIS Termite Tenting

The OASIS Senior Center was closed for five days over the Fourth of July holiday weekend to complete a facility-wide termite tenting project. This large-scale effort required extensive coordination and preparation by OASIS staff, Meals on Wheels, and Public Works to ensure services were minimally impacted and the facility was ready for treatment. Thanks to the collaborative planning and teamwork of all involved, the project was completed successfully, on schedule, and without any issues. The center reopened as planned and resumed normal operations.



Bonita Canyon Sports Park Playground Now Open

The City is pleased to announce the opening of the refurbished playground at the Bonita Canyon Sports Park. Funded through the Playground Refurbishment Program, the renovated play area features new playground equipment that encourages active play, climbing, exploration and inclusive recreation for children of all ages and abilities.

The updated playground includes slides, climbing elements, sensory play features, shaded areas and rubber surfacing all to a baseball theme, creating a welcoming space for families to enjoy.



July Tidepool Monitoring

The Recreation & Senior Services Department's Natural Resources staff are stationed at Little Corona del Mar Beach to educate beach visitors about our local Marine Protected Area. Assigned staff track the estimated number of beach visitors and educational interactions they have with the public. These metrics assist in identifying changing beach conditions, and requests for enforcement patrols. In the month of July, Little Corona engaged in 190 educational interactions during scheduled staff shifts.

