



City of Santa Ana
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Staff Report
May 22, 2025

TOPIC: Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Staff Report

AGENDA TITLE:

Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Staff Report

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Receive and File Operations Report to the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission related to Recreation and Community Services.

DISCUSSION

Athletics Section

Youth Girls Basketball

The 2025 girls' basketball season is currently entering week 7 of the season. Picture day is scheduled for Saturday, May 17 at Salgado Recreation Center. The 14th Annual All Star Game will be Friday, May 23 at the Crypto.com Arena. All-star selected athletes from Divisions C, B and A will participate in an East vs West game at the home of the Los Angeles Sparks. The league playoff bracket will set to begin Monday, June 2 at both Jerome Recreation Center and Salgado Recreation Center.

Los Angeles Clippers x Santa Ana girls' basketball clinic

The City of Santa Ana and the Los Angeles Jr. Clippers will be hosting an all-girls Basketball Clinic on Sunday, May 18 at Godinez High School. The clinic will be from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm and open to all program participants in grades 3rd through 8th. Registration closes Wednesday, May 15 with 33 athletes already registered.

Rookie Baseball/Softball

The 2025 baseball/softball season will begin in-person registration on Wednesday, May 28 at Jerome Recreation Center. The Skill evaluation will take place at Jerome Park on Tuesday, June 10, 11 and 12 on Fields 2 and 3. Youth Sports will continue with its first ever Parent Meeting on June 16 at the Jerome Gymnasium and will continue with the Baseball Coaches Meeting on June 17 and the Softball Coaches Meeting on June 18. The baseball/softball program will be taking 50 registered participants this year to a Los Angeles Angels Game on Friday, June 11.

MLB Pitch Hit and Run

The City of Santa Ana will be hosting an MLB Pitch, Hit and Run Challenge on Saturday, July 26 at Jerome Park from 8:00 am until 12:00 pm. This event will be open to anyone in the community that would like to test out their baseball/softball skills. Based on their scores, they will advance from a Local Event to a Team Championship and then to the Finals hosted at the World Series.

OC-SCMAF Santa Ana Track Meet

The City of Santa Ana hosted the Orange County-SCMAF Track meet held on Sunday, May 4 at the Santa Ana College Track Field. Garden Grove, Buena Park, Tustin, Laguna Beach and Santa Ana were all Cities in attendance. There was over 150 Orange County Participants that attended the event. Runners who placed 1st through 4th qualified to participate in the SCMAF Championship on Saturday, May 31 at Warren High School in Downey California.

Adult Kickball

The City of Santa Ana Adult Kickball league is currently entering its final week of regular season. All 5 teams will be participating in an end of season playoff bracket with the winner being crowned on Wednesday, May 21 at Thornton Park.

Adult Basketball

The City of Santa Ana Adult Basketball will begin registration on Monday, May 12. This season the Men's division will be split into a Recreation Division and a Competitive Division. Both will be playing on Tuesday nights at Godinez High School. This season will also bring on its first Coed Division that plays on Thursday nights also at Godinez High School. Registration for the league closes on June 22 with the league projected to tip off on July 1.

Salgado Recreation Center

Salgado Recreation Center continues to offer programs and recreation classes for Santa Ana youth, teens and adults. Salgado Recreation Center offers athletic programs, recreation classes and activities including; Drop-In Pay-to-Play (Badminton, Basketball, Pickleball, and Volleyball), Open GYM-Basketball, Muralitos Art Club, Ballet and Creative Dance for youth, Aerobics and Zumba for adults.

Recreation Classes

- Salgado Recreation Center is currently offering the following recreation classes for the months of **March/April 2025**,:

Class	Dates/Times	Fees
Aerobics	Monday/Wednesday 6:00 to 7:00 pm	\$30.00
Aerobics	Tuesday/Thursday 9:00 to 10:00 am	\$30.00
Aerobics	Tuesday/Thursday 6:00 to 7:00 pm	\$30.00
Latin Zumba Fitness	Monday/ Wednesday 9:00 to 10:00 am	\$30.00
Latin Zumba Fitness	Monday/ Wednesday 7:00 to 8:00 pm	\$30.00

- Aerobics – average total registered participants for **March/April – 33**
- Zumba – average total registered participants for **March/April – 13**
- **Salgado Recreation Center is actively working to offer additional classes for summer 2025:**
 - **Dance and Drama Class**

- **Wellness Class For Adults – Breath work and Meditation**

Los Muralitos Art Club

- Los Muralitos Art Club is offered to youth ages 6 to 12 year of age, every Friday from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Los Muralitos Art Club, participants will have the chance to explore various art styles, ranging from drawing and painting to crafting ceramics and sculptures, allowing them to uncover their unique artistic style. Participants pay a \$25.00 dollars fee for materials and supplies.
- Average total registered participants for **March/April: 6**

Salgado Gym

- Salgado GYM Pay and Play.
 - Drop-In, Youth and Seniors - \$3.00 /Adults - \$5.00
 - Monthly Membership:
 - Santa Ana Residents (Youth, Adults, Seniors) - \$35/month
 - Non-residents - \$45/month
 - Sports offered are Badminton, Pickleball, Basketball and Volleyball.
 - **BADMINTON**
 - Friday, 1:00-5:00 pm
 - Sunday, 1:00 -5:00 pm
 - Average total drop-in monthly for, **March/April – 197**
 - **PICKLEBALL**
 - Wednesday, 12:00-5:00 pm
 - Sunday, 9:00 am-1:00 pm
 - Average total drop-in monthly for, **March/April – 238**
 - **BASKETBALL**
 - Monday, 8:00 am-5:00 pm – **OPEN GYM (Free)**
 - Average monthly total for **March/April – 146**
 - Tuesday & Wednesday, 8:00 am-12:00 pm
 - Friday, 8:00 am-12:00 pm
 - Average total Pay and Play drop-in daily for **March/April -53**
 - **VOLLEYBALL**
 - Tuesday, 2:00-5:00 pm
 - Average total for **March/April – 85**

Salgado Recreation Center Facility Reservation for the months of March/April 2025:

- **Santa Ana Youth Sports** – Boys Basketball League: January to March 2025, with practices on Monday to Friday, 5:00 to 9:00 pm and Saturday basketball games from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm.
- **Santa Ana Youth Sports** – Girls Basketball League: **March to May 2025**, with practices on Tuesday to Thursday, 5:00 to 9:00 pm and Saturday basketball games from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm.
- **The Riverview West Neighborhood Association Committee** met on Tuesday, March 25 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm inside the game room for the committee meeting.
- **The Riverview West Neighborhood Association General Meeting** took place on Tuesday, April 22, from 7:30 to 9:00 pm, met inside the MPR. Total number of attendees – 20.

Jerome Recreation Center

General Operations

- **CAPOC Senior Food Box:** Sponsored by the Community Action Partnership of OC, the Senior Commodity Box Distribution Program offers nutrient-rich foods in a monthly food package to registered, low-income seniors (60+) on the first Wednesday or Thursday of the month from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm.

On **TUESDAY, MAY 6**, there were **395 BOXES** distributed to seniors.

The next scheduled distribution will be on **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4** from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. We will provide our Summer Splash Day Camp parents an email a week prior letting them know about the Senior Food Box and the impacted Jerome Parking Lot.

- **Jerome Recreation Center: News & Notes**
 - **Saturday, April 5:** Jerome Staff set up a booth at the El Salvador Community Center's Spring Fest to help promote Jerome Recreation Center leisure classes and upcoming Youth Sports.
 - **Tuesday, May 6:** Jerome Recreation Center hosted a Summer Splash Day Camp Parent Orientation in the MPR from 6:30-7:30 pm. Before the Summer Splash Day Camp Parent Orientation, Jerome Staff held a Summer training where Staff were provided with expectations and schedules, along with opportunities for improvements from last Summer Splash Day camp in relation to campers, parents, supervision and documentation.
 - **Wednesday, May 21:** Jerome Recreation Center, along with Salgado Recreation Center and El Salvador Community Center, will be holding our Summer Staff In-Service Training at the Southwest Senior Center from 5:00-8:00 pm.
 - **Monday, May 26:** Jerome Recreation Center will be CLOSED in observance of Memorial Day
 - **Friday, May 30:** Summer Jerome Staff will have a summer training and then be decorating the Teen Space and MPR for Summer Splash Day Camp.

Jerome Center Gymnasium

Pay-And-Play, Open Gym – March/April 2025

- **Basketball (15 participants Play-And-Play, 83 participants Open Gym)**

Monday	8:00AM-12:00PM
Tuesday	12:00PM-4:00PM
Wednesday	8:00AM-12:00PM
Thursday	12:00PM-4:00PM

Jerome Center: Open Gym

Friday	8:00AM-4:00PM
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- **Volleyball (43 participants)**

Tuesday	8:00AM-12:00PM
Wednesday	12:00PM-4:00PM

- **Pickleball (4 participants)**

Monday	12:00PM-4:00PM
Thursday	8:00AM-12:00PM

Starting on **Monday, June 2**, Jerome Recreation Center will be updating our Pay-And-Play for the summer session. The updated times are below:

Pay-And-Play, Open Gym – June 2 to August 8, 2025

- **Basketball**

Monday	10:00 am-4:00 pm
Tuesday	6:00-9:00 pm
Wednesday	10:00 am-4:00 pm
Thursday	6:00-9:00 pm

Jerome Center: Open Gym

Friday	10:00 am-4:00 pm, 6:00-9:00 pm
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- **Volleyball**

Tuesday	10:00 am-4:00 pm
Wednesday	6:00-9:00 pm

- **Pickleball**

Monday	6:00-9:00 pm
Thursday	10:00 am-4:00 pm

Athletic & Leisure Classes

- **TKO Boxing** continues to have boxing and training sessions Monday through Friday from 2:00 to 7:00 pm. TKO Boxing provides training and fitness activities for 100+ youth per week.
- Participants can experience the joy and beauty of dance by focusing on the basics of ballet through our **Backhaus Ballet and Creative Dance** class held on Saturdays at the following times: 9:00 to 9:50 am for ages 3-5 (Level 1), 10:00-10:25 am for ages 4-12 (Level 1.5), and ages 6-12 on Saturdays from 10:30 to 11:20 am (Level 2).
 - Level 1 Participation: 4 participants registered in April
 - Level 1.5 Participation: 11 participants registered in April
 - Level 2 Participation: 5 participants registered in April

The next session for Backhaus Ballet and Creative Dance will be from **May 10-31**.

- Level 1 Registrations: 2 participants registered in May
- Level 1.5 Registrations: 4 participant registered in May

- Level 2 Registration: 3 participants registered in May
- **Sewing** is a four-week leisure class. In this 70-minute class you will learn basic sewing skills such as how to use a sewing machine, important sewing terms, what needles are used for different fabric, how to cut fabric, how to pin fabric, practice straight lines and how to pivot stitch corners. This class is offered every Saturday from 9:40 am-12:10 pm for ages 11 and up.
 - For Sewing: Level 1, there were 5 participants registered in April
 - For Sewing: Level 2, there was 7 participant registered in April

The next session for Sewing is from **May 3-31**.

- For Sewing: Level 1, there were 4 participant registered in May
- For Sewing: Level 2, there were 5 participants registered in May
- **Tumble-N-Kids Gymnastics** continues to grow with four classes – *Tumble Bugs*, *Junior Olympians*, *Jammin' Gymnasts*, and, *Advanced Floor Tumbling*. Classes are held on Saturdays from 9:30 am to 1:15 pm for ages 1.5-12.

The current session is from **May 3-31**, we have the following registered:

- 7 participants for our Tumble Bugs (1 year 6 months-3 years old)
- 10 participants (1 Waitlist) for our Junior Olympians (3-5-year olds)
- 6 participants for our Jammin' Gymnastics (6-12-year olds)
- 3 participants for our Advanced Floor Tumbling

The next session for Tumble-N-Kids is from **June 14 to July 19**.

- Learn about marital arts through **Karate Do Kiai** on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30 pm (2 one hour sessions) for ages 5-9 and 10 and up.

The current session for Karate Do Kiai is from May 5-21. Below are the currently registered participants:

- 13 participants for our Karate Do Kiai (5-9 year olds)
- 9 participants for our Karate Do Kiai (10 and up)

The next session for Karate Do Kiai is from June 2-25.

- **Lightning Youth Academy/Lightning Youth Running Club**

Lightning Youth Academy offers this 8-week running program for track and Kids Run the OC at Jerome Center (Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:00-6:00pm in the Jerome Recreation Center grassy area). The purpose of this program is to develop basic running skills and prepare youth to participate in track meets and/or Kids Run the OC on May 3, 2025. This organized program is for youth ages 5 to 12. The program includes a free training shirt.

8 participants currently enrolled

The next session for Lightning Youth Academy/Lightning Youth Running Club will be from August 12-September 25.

Facility Reservations

- **Santa Ana Public Library:**
 - Monday-Friday, 2:00-6:00 pm in Jerome Recreation Center's Computer Room for book pick-ups and returns, as well as free computer usage. For the month of February, 15 patrons utilized the Santa Ana Library at Jerome Recreation Center and for the month of April, 12 patrons utilized the Santa Ana Library at Jerome Recreation Center.
- **Aquatics Training:**
 - Aquatics will be utilizing the Teen Space room for the following dates for training:
 - 5/23-25 (On 5/23, Aquatics will be using the MPR)
 - 5/30-6/1
- **Youth Sports: Girls Softball/Boys Baseball:**
 - Registration for Girls Softball/Boys Baseball are on the follow dates and times:
 - Wednesday, May 28 from 5:30-8:30 pm
 - Saturday, May 31 from 10:00 am-2:00 pm
 - Monday, June 2 from 5:30-8:30 pm
 - Wednesday, June 4 from 5:30-8:30 pm
 - Saturday, June 7 from 10:00 am-2:00 pm
 - Monday, June 9 from 5:30-8:30 pm

Field Permits

The Reservations office issued over 1,695 permits for the months of March and April 2025. The Reservations Office provided additional fields to organizations based on availability and the number of participants and Group priority.

Cabin Reservation Permits

Santa Ana residents and non-residents can reserve Fisher and Santiago Cabins for their private event including birthday parties and church gatherings. Fisher Cabin is also popular for Neighborhood Association meetings. Interested applicants will need to submit a Cabin Reservation Application and Certificate of Insurance via email at Fieldreservations@santa-ana.org or in-person at the Reservations Office. Fees vary by group classification. Santiago Cabin is currently decommissioned until further notice.

The Reservations Office issued ten 10 cabin permits in the months of March and April.

Picnic Reservation Permits

Santa Ana residents and non-residents can reserve various picnic areas and shelters throughout the City of Santa Ana for private events, including family gatherings, parties, etc. Interested applicants will need to submit a Picnic Reservation Application via email at Fieldreservations@santa-ana.org or in-person at the Reservations Office. Fees vary by resident and non-resident status.

The Reservations Office issued 76 permits in the months of March and April.

Santiago Park Gashouse and Amphitheater Permits

The Reservations Office issued 3 Gashouse permits in the months of March and April. Additionally, the Reservations Office issued one (1) Amphitheater permit for the months of March and April.

Santa Ana Moves

New Year, new opportunities! Registered participants will have access to the field and stairs for self-led workouts and pick-up games. Interested participants can register for \$15 per month or \$120 for the year. Step-up and get fit! Contact the Reservations Office at 714-571-4225 for more information.

There are currently three (3) participants registered for the annual membership (January-December 2025) as well as three (3) participants registered for the monthly pass.

Aquatics Section

The Aquatics Section has been diligently preparing for the upcoming 2025 summer season with a strong focus on readiness, recruitment, and community impact. We recently concluded our **Award Winning Emerging Lifeguard Leaders (ELL)** program, which saw an outstanding turnout of over 50 participants. These individuals completed our Lifeguard Readiness Program, specifically designed to prepare them for official lifeguard certification courses. This initiative continues to serve as a valuable pipeline for seasonal hiring, equipping participants with the foundational skills and confidence needed to support our summer operations.

In anticipation of increased summer demand, we have successfully recruited over **30 new team members**, including lifeguards, water safety instructors, senior lifeguards, and pool managers. We are confident this new cohort of staff will contribute to delivering a safe, engaging, and high-quality aquatics experience for all our patrons.

May holds significant importance in the aquatics field, as it is recognized nationally as Water Safety Month. On May 6, our Aquatics team was honored to receive the Water Safety Month Proclamation during a City Council meeting. This acknowledgment reinforces our commitment to drowning prevention through public education and swim lessons for all ages. As we approach the busiest time of year, we are reminded that *drowning is preventable with the right education and awareness*—a message that continues to guide our efforts.

As part of our dedication to expanding access and promoting water safety, the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Agency's (PRCSA) Aquatics Section was awarded a \$10,000 grant from

USA Swimming for Youth Learn-to-Swim Lessons and an additional \$4,000 for Adult Learn-to-Swim Lessons for the 2025 calendar year. This \$14,000 in funding represents a significant \$8,000 increase from last year and marks a continued investment in our successful partnership with USA Swimming.

To date, PRCSA Aquatics has secured a combined total of \$143,000 in external funding:

- \$75,000 from Kaiser Permanente's Community Benefit Fund
- \$48,000 from the American Red Cross Centennial Campaign
- \$20,000 from USA Swimming

These funds have been critical in providing hundreds of Learn-to-Swim scholarships for Santa Ana residents, significantly enhancing equitable access to aquatic programs for youth and adults alike.

Looking ahead, we are excited to announce that registration for Session 1 of our summer swim lessons opens on May 20. This season, we look forward to offering a wide range of programs that teach lifesaving water skills while encouraging healthy, active lifestyles for our community.

Finally, we are proud to share that our Aquatics programs have received national recognition. The City's Learn-to-Swim efforts were recently featured in the **April 2025 issue of *Parks and Recreation Business Magazine***. The article highlighted Santa Ana's innovative, equity-driven approach to aquatics and its positive impact on drowning prevention and community wellness. This recognition is a testament to the hard work and passion of our Aquatics team and their unwavering commitment to water safety.

Community Engagement Section

Cultura: A Community Connection Guide

The Summer edition of the CULTURA is available now and covers programs, services and events offered from June – Fiestas Patrias 2025.

- Summer 2025 featured articles include:
 - Parks & Rec month spotlight on the national "Build Together, Play Together" campaign featuring the new George Upton All Access Park playground
 - Library visits to 33 large-scale events in Santa Ana
 - Youth basketball program thrives in Santa Ana
 - Butterflies are back at the Santa Ana Zoo
- Recent campaign launched to increase subscribers and resulted in over 700 new subscribers since last the release of the last issue. Residents only need to complete the online subscription form one-time and do not need to complete an online form for each issue. New subscribers can complete the form: www.santa-ana.org/cultura-subscribe/
- Community photography submissions: www.santa-ana.org/photo-contest/

Social Media

Engagement and commentary from the public continues to grow on all fronts. The @santaanaparks Instagram account followers has again increased by 5%. The new internal social media style guide has officially launched and helping to create further reach.

The internal marketing and communications request form has led to 183 posts since the beginning of 2025. The top 3 performing posts included:

- [Santa Ana Fun Run](#) announcement post
 - 686 reactions
 - 34.8K views
 - 1.3K shares
- [Summer Movies](#) announcement post
 - 546 reactions
 - 21.3K views
 - 559 shares
- [Seniors Disneyland Recap](#) post
 - 521 reactions
 - 8.6K views
 - 61 shares

Sponsors and Partners

Recent partnership agreements have been executed with the Center for Applied Research Solutions (CARS) to support the Roosevelt Walker Community Center Open House on May 16, 2025. In-kind contributions totaling \$42,500 were provided to cover equipment rentals, entertainment, food, prizes, and new gardening materials for the community garden program.

Contract Classes

The summer season brings over 17 class types and offers 128 sessions. These fee-based classes offer private instructors an opportunity to partner with the city and provide their services to residents. City staff provide the facility space and manage registration, while the instructor teaches. The most popular classes include:

- Danza Folklorico
- Aerobics/Latin Zumba
- Tumble-N-Kids Gymnastics
- Karate

Health & Wellness Section

Roosevelt/Walker Community Center

Roosevelt Walker is hosting a variety of leisure classes:

- Fun with Sounds
 - March: 2 participants
 - April: 4 participants
- Dosis Piano
 - March: 7 participants
- Yoga/ Tai Chi
 - March: 3 participants
 - April: 3 participants

Santa Ana Public Library

Book pick-up and return available at Roosevelt Walker PAAL/Computer Lab from 2:00 to 6:00 pm. Computer workshops on Thursdays and Fridays from 6:00 to 7:30 pm to learn computer basics, navigate the internet, master Microsoft office software, and more!

Free Evening Community Programming

Study Hall NEW! – Roosevelt Walker now provides a safe, quiet space with desks and chairs to study and complete homework. Monday – Thursday 3:00 – 5:00 pm.

Fitness and Wellness at Roosevelt Walker! – Join neighbors for circuit training in the outdoor exercise equipment area and High Intensity Interval Training (HIIT) workouts led by staff. This program recently added a second day to allow families and kids to join in on the weekend. This program runs twice a week: Thursday from 6:30 to 7:30 pm and Saturday from 10:00 to 11:00 am. Exercise equipment provided. During the months of March and April, 29 community members joined to continue to stay active.

Badminton! – Badminton for everyone is set-up in the Roosevelt/Walker basketball court area to allow the community to learn how to play badminton or play a friendly game with other community members. Badminton takes place on Friday from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. Supplies provided. For the months of March and April, 11 community members joined for a friendly game of Badminton.

Game Night! NEW! –Game On! Play board games, video games, and more! Every Friday from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. 59 community members joined for the months of March and April.

Past Reservations at Roosevelt Walker Community Center

- March Tuesdays and Wednesdays PAAL PE class
- March 11 Neighborhood Association Meeting
- April Tuesdays and Wednesdays PAAL PE class
- April 18 Kids Night Out
- April 28 SAUSD IEP Meeting
- May 2 SAUSD Meeting

Past Reservations at Lawn Bowling Clubhouse

- May 6 Community Development Agency Workshop

Upcoming Reservations at Roosevelt Walker Community Center

- May 13 Neighborhood Association Meeting
- May 14 Zoning Code Workshop
- May 22 SAUSD Pre-K Promotion
- May 23 SAUSD Pre-K Promotion
- May 27 Special Events Meeting: Fiestas Patrias

Upcoming Reservations at Lawn Bowling Clubhouse

- May 14 Neighborhood Association Meeting
- May 17 Confirmation Celebration
- May 24 Private Party

- June 7 Graduation Celebration

Past Community Fun-shops:

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| March 13 | St. Patrick Day Workshop – 67 community members decorated their own leprechaun pin and crafted a clay pot into a leprechaun hat or pot of gold. |
| April 17 | Earth Day Workshop – 53 community members painted their own rock and flowerpots to brighten up your own garden. |
| April 18 | Kids Night Out with 32 participants. |
| May 8 | Mother's Day Workshop- 73 community members created textured tissue paper art and framed pressed flower art as a heartfelt tribute to the ones we love. |

Upcoming Events

- May 16 Hope, Health and Harmony Roosevelt Walker Community Center Open House
- May 19 Meet and Greet with Nico Benalcazar from OC Soccer Club
- June 9 – July 31 Summer Fun Program

Past Community Engagement

- March 4 – All Access Park Grand Opening at Thornton Park
- March 27 – Roosevelt Walker Academy Open House
- April 3 – Century High School Open House
- April 5 – Spring Fest – El Salvador Community Center Open House
- April 19 – Arbor Day at El Salvador Park Community Garden
- April 26 – Dia de los Ninos

Upcoming Community Engagement

- May 21 - All Access Picnic with MIT
- May 22 – CAC Resource Fair
- May 23 – Fairhaven Elementary Festival
- June 6 – SuperKids Resource Fair

RECREAuto (NEW)

The RECREAuto is rolling out on Mondays and Wednesdays!

Scheduled time and locations:

Monday – Adams Park from 2:30 pm – 4:30pm

- March: 42 participants

- April: 33 participants
- Wednesday – Riverview Park from 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm
- March: 54 participants
 - April: 62 participants

Community Garden Program

The Santa Ana Gardens are starting off the Spring season by distributing compost to the garden beds, planting seeds, transplanting seedlings and hosting Earth Day and International Compost Awareness Week workshops. Santa Ana Girl Scout Troops have been attending garden workshops at all five gardens to complete an Eco-Badge Passport.

Community Composting

The Community Garden team picks up:

- Food waste from Southwest Community Center
- Camel dung from Santa Ana Zoo
- Food waste from El Sol Academy Food Distribution

The Community Gardens receive compost drop offs from:

- Orange County High School of the Arts Compost Club
- Residents and participants of the Community Garden Program

El Salvador Park Community Garden

During the months from mid-February, March and April, the garden was closed for renovation. We have recently re-opened and are getting soil into the beds and preparing to plant seeds and vegetables for Summer, looking forward to seeing our volunteers, and doing our workshops. We are especially happy about our new fruit trees - orange, lime, persimmon, avocado and plum!

Upcoming

May 5 – International Compost Awareness Week -“Backyard Composting and Myths Debunked”
May 21 – Girl Scout Troop Butterfly Garden Planting
June 20 – Summer Solstice Workshop
July 18 – Build a Scarecrow Day
August 8 – National Watermelon Day

Past events

April 19 – Arbor Day Tree Planting – for renovation (53 participants)
February 7 – Western Monarch Day

Open hours: Wednesday 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm, Thursday 4:00 pm – 7:00pm, Friday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, Saturday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Mid -February to April El Salvador Park Community Garden participants – 68 for Arbor Day and Compost Workshop participants, however garden remains closed due to renovation.

Madison Park Community Garden

Staff have been engaging with a number of community organizers in order to activate the garden space! Staff created various eye-catching signs around the park to help the community locate the garden. This garden was also recently replenished with more garden soil. The garden is letting some plants go to see for seed collection, while transitioning from winter plants to spring and summer plants. Chiles and tomatoes were just planted to get ready for Salsa Y Salsa in August!

Upcoming

May 7 – Girl Scout Eco-Badge
May 9 – International Compost Awareness Week – Apartment Composting; Turning Waste into Wealth
June 27 – Petals and Paper, making cards with dried flowers from the garden

Past events

April 25 – Planting For The Planet
April 22 – Girl Scout Eco-Badge
March 5 – Rooted in Wellness: Natural Remedies for Women's Health

Open hours: Monday - Wednesday 4 –7 pm; Friday 4 – 7 pm
Mid -March to April Madison Park Community Garden participants – 98

Pacific Electric Park Community Garden

The morning open hours have consistent volunteers from Goodwill Disable Adult Services, APT from SAUSD, Adult Enrichment Center, Port View Preparatory, and My Life Services, Adult Transition Program, Integrity House and home school students. The special needs groups continue to grow in numbers. The word is being spread between the different entities and more and more are joining. The interaction they are doing in the garden and with each other is very enriching and you can see they are very happy to be there. Our winter crops are ending. Broccoli, cauliflower, lettuce, beets, carrots, peas, sunflowers etc. have been very successful. The presence of abundant harvest and greenery in the garden have been bringing in the neighborhood and peaked their interest in becoming involved especially in the afternoon when the majority of people get off work.

Upcoming

May 8- International Compost Awareness Week - "Layering your Compost Lasagna Style"
June 20 – Summer Solstice Garden Party!

Past events

April 29 – Girl Scout Eco-Badge
April 17 - HPA Design Group volunteered
April 15 – Girl Scout Eco-Badge
April 8- "California Dreamin" - California Poppy Day was celebrated by doing face painting and teaching participants about them.
March 25- Green Your Space - planting microgreens using recycled containers

Open hours: Tuesday – Wednesday 4:00 – 7:00 pm, Thursday & Saturday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Mid -March to April - Pacific Park Community Garden participants - 309

Jerome Park Community Garden

Jerome Community Garden has been impacted by construction with many participants thinking the garden is closed. An Open During Construction sign, an A-Frame that has been posted on the sidewalk during open hours has helped mitigate this issue.

On Wednesday April 16 a total of 22 participants, with 15 kids and 2 staff being from the Corbin Center TRF Group joined the April workshop. Bookmarks were decorated and colored, and garden books were read together while wearing superhero. The kids/ students and I were able to harvest kale, lettuce, spinach, and peas in groups of four – they all went home with a small bag of harvest and a donated chapter book.

Produce harvested from March to April: Lettuce, spinach, peas, cilantro, kumquat, loquat, parsley, scallions, carrots, lemon, grapefruit, radish, vapor leaves, kale, turnip, cauliflower, passionfruit, marigold, nopales, garlic, lemongrass, oregano, strawberries, cosmos, broccoli, and rue.

Upcoming

May 6 – International Compost Awareness Week, *Compost Critters* workshop
May 6 – Girl Scout Eco Badge
June 11 – Moving from One Phase to the Next
July 18 – Marigold Celebration

Past events

April 18 – Fitz Intermediate Field Trip (53 7th graders; 4 staff)
April 16 – Reading Super Green on Earth Day
April 9 – Girl Scout Eco-Badge
March 12 – Spring into Health with Plants and Nutrition

Open hours: Monday, Wednesday – Friday; 4pm – 7pm
Mid -March to April Jerome Park Garden participants - 251

Roosevelt Walker Community Garden

During the month of April, workshop participants did scavenger hunts on Earth Day to find as many earth-friendly items and plants as they could. We also hosted workshops for girl scout troops, to learn how to make a self-watering planter for bean seeds. We are now preparing for our Summer crops, and looking forward to watermelon!

Upcoming

May 7 – International Compost Day – Apartment Compost- Little Space, Big Impact
June 18 – Summer Solstice Workshop
July 16 – Build a Scarecrow Day
August 6 – National Watermelon Day

Past events

April 30 – Girl Scout Eco Badge
April 20 – Earth Day
April 16 – Girl Scout Eco-Badge
March 19 – Hello Spring!
March 13 – Pre-K Class Garden Critter Field Trip

Open hours: Monday - Friday 4 pm – 7 pm

Mid -March to mid –May Roosevelt Walker Community Garden participants - 322

Total garden participants for Mid -March to April – 1,048

Upcoming Events

May 16	Roosevelt Walker Open House – Hope, Health & Harmony
June 20	Summer Solstice Garden Party at Pacific Electric Park Garden
July 18	Marigold Celebration at Jerome Park Garden
August 15	Salsa Y Salsa at Madison Park Garden
October 26	Harvest Festival
November 2	Magic Of The Alters – Dia De Los Muertos

Wilderness Club

The Santa Ana Wilderness Club explores the nature that exists in our everyday habitats and local wilderness parks through guided hikes, field trips and volunteer activities.

Upcoming Trips:

May 17	Bolsa Chica Conservancy
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Past Trips:

January 25	Tucker Wildlife Sanctuary (28 participants)
February 8	Carbon Canyon w/ OC Habitats (42 participants)
March 1	Laguna Coast Wilderness (38 participants)
April 9	Enhanced Whale Watching (79 participants)

Golden City Hour – A two-mile staff guided walk through Santiago Park. We walk and talk about the Santiago Creek Watershed, its cultural history and the flora and fauna of the park! It's also a time to meet neighbors, share stories and memories of the Santiago Creek Watershed.

2nd and 4th Wednesday of the Month
5:30 – 7:00 pm **NEW TIME**

Upcoming:

May 14 – UCI Community Health Organizers are gathering 18 families (25 adults and 8 children) to participate in Golden City Hour.

Senior Services Section

The Senior Services Section offers a variety of daily programs and services for Santa Ana Seniors. The Santa Ana Senior Center and the Southwest Senior Center are the hubs for classes and activities including Tai Chi, an array of exercise classes, BINGO, Loteria, Arts & Crafts, Billiards, English and Technology Classes, Karaoke, Table Tennis, Dance, and more. Some of the new classes now offered in collaboration with Santa College are Self Defense, Famous Musicians, Fabric Arts, Bodyworks Fitness, Cultural Appreciation, Senior Topics, Famous Art, as well as Healthy Aging.

Santa Ana Senior Center

- **Appy Hour Extreme (Santa Ana Public Library)** – Instruction in technology, app trends, and library resources with an average of 5 participants per session.
- **April Movie Night** – Participants watched a free screening of *Brave* with pizza, snacks, and light refreshments. A total of 22 participants attended.
- **Blood Pressure Kit Distribution (Santa Ana Public Library)**: These easy-to-use kits can help monitor one's wellbeing from the comfort of their home. Participants can borrow a kit for up to three weeks, track their numbers, and stay on top of their health goals.
- **Bodywork Fitness (SAC)** – Low-impact physical fitness to help awaken the body with an average of 35 participants per class.
- **Cultural Appreciation 1 (SAC)** – Lessons take participants for a ride around the world as they watch videos, visiting different countries, and discovering diverse cultures with an average of 34 participants per class.
- **English for Chinese-speakers** – Staff led class with an average of 6 participants per class.
- **English for Spanish-speakers** – Staff led class with an average of 14 participants per class.
- **Famous Art (SAC)** – Instruction that inspires exploration of creative methods of some of the most highly regarded artists, and their influential artwork. This month, the instructor will engage with diverse mediums including watercolors, crayons, and oil pastels for an average of 30 participants per class.
- **Famous Musicians (SAC)** – Music Appreciation is an introductory course to music. Students will explore different types of music to gain a deeper understanding and appreciation for all types of music. The course begins by learning the biography of a singer, the instrument used, and the elements such as melody, rhythm, and harmony. Older adult students will have the opportunity to remember and talk about specific songs that make them remember and help them to do mental exercises that will reduce the risk of suffering from Alzheimer's. After learning the singer's biography, the students will perform some of the artists' songs. This class has an average of 32 participants.
- **Fit Mind, Fit Body (Amistad Medical Clinic)** – Participants engage in rhythmic exercises on Friday mornings with an average of 35 participants per class.
- **Gardening Club** – Participants engage with Santa Ana Senior Center staff to gain knowledge on gardening and participate in hands on gardening. Seniors utilize the empty spaces outside of the center to plant and tend to seeds and existing plants with an average of 5 participants per class.
- **Healthy Aging 1 (SAC)** - Explores current health and wellness topics. Students will learn how to analyze health information. Average of 24 participants.
- **Healthy Aging 2 (SAC)** – Promotes development of lifelong positive attitudes and behaviors within personal and community health. Average of 30 participants.
- **I-Lounge** – Technology class with an average of 6 participants per session.
- **Karaoke** – Volunteer led karaoke activity where seniors can join and enjoy singing along to popular song with an average of 9 participants per session.
- **Loteria** – Volunteer-led activity on Mondays and Wednesdays with an average of 23 participants.
- **Low Impact Resistance Training (SAC)** – Provides full-body, low impact resistance training with upbeat jams for an average of 31 participants per class.

- **Senior Topics (SAC)** – The Senior Topic class will provide information to participants about the different issues that can affect their lives as they age. Provides information and a discussion forum related to the examination of concerns common to older adults. Discovers specific needs and interests and examines current news events as interpreted through historical background and current political/regional developments and changes. Senior Topics has an average of 34 participants per class.
- **Social Dance** – Volunteer led dance activity to traditional Chinese music with an average of 6 participants per activity.
- **Standing Cardio** – Staff led fitness class with an average of 35 participants per session.
- **Table Tennis** – Staff led class for beginner table tennis players with an average of 6 participants per class.
- **Tai Chi** – Volunteer led class takes place outdoors in the Fitness Center with an average of 4 participants per class.

April Events & Excursions

- 4/2 – HICAP Appointments
- 4/3 – Movie Night screening of *Brave*
- 4/4 – Knowledge Mobile at Birch Park
- 4/7 – Descanso Gardens & The Shops at Santa Anita Excursion
- 4/10 – Appy Hour Extreme with SAPL
- 4/10 – TEFAP distribution (A-L)
- 4/11 – Dr. Talk
- 4/11 – Spirit Week Workshop #1 – Spring Rabbit
- 4/16 – Spring Celebration
- 4/16 - AltaMed PACE Information Table
- 4/17 – TEFAP distribution (M-Z)
- 4/17 – Appy Hour Extreme with SAPL
- 4/18 – Knowledge Mobile at Birch Park
- 4/22 – Coastal Heart Medical Group Presentation: Peripheral Arterial and Venous Disease
- 4/24 – Appy Hour Extreme with SAPL
- 4/25 – Spirit Week Workshop #2 – Cardboard Butterfly

May 2025 Planned Events

- 5/1 – Movie Night screening of *Matilda*
- 5/1 – Appy Hour Extreme with SAPL
- 5/2 – Knowledge Mobile at Birch Park
- 5/5 – Salsa Tasting Competition with Loteria
- 5/7 – HICAP Appointments
- 5/8 – TEFAP distribution (A-L)
- 5/8 – Blood Pressure Kit Distribution with SAPL
- 5/8 – Appy Hour Extreme with SAPL
- 5/9 – Spirit Week Workshop #1: Make a Floral Canvas
- 5/9 – Dr. Talk
- 5/14 – Mother's Day Celebration
- 5/15 – TEFAP distribution (M-Z)

- 5/15 – Appy Hour Extreme with SAPL
- 5/16 – Knowledge Mobile at Birch Park
- 5/22 – The Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens Excursion
- 5/22 – Appy Hour Extreme with SAPL
- 5/23 – Spirit Week Workshop #2: Make a Bracelet
- 5/26 – Santa Ana Senior Center closed in observance of Memorial Day
- 5/29 – Appy Hour Extreme with SAPL
- 5/30 – Knowledge Mobile at Birch Park

Completed Facility Reservations (Public)

- 4/19 – Santa Ana Senior Club Reservation (10:00 am. to 3:00 pm)

Upcoming Facility Reservations (Public)

- 5/17 – Santa Ana Senior Club Reservation (10:00 am to 3:00 pm)

Southwest Senior Center

- **Arts and Crafts Class** Staff Led, seniors have the opportunity to engage in a variety of small projects ranging from painting, decorating, or crafting with an average of 16 participants per class. Thursdays 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm.
- **BINGO**– Staff led, an activity involving matching numbers on a board card that provides seniors with the possibility of winning prizes at the end of each month. 50 participants per class. Monday's 1:00pm-2:00pm & Wednesday's 10:30 – 11:30 am.
- **Body Work Fitness** - Santa Ana College led, class for seniors with mobility issues. A very popular class aimed to increase and maintain healthy mobility, balance, and flexibility 56 participants per class. Thursdays 8:30 am – 10:00 am.
- **Chair Yoga** – Santa Ana College led, class for seniors with mobility issues. A very popular class aimed to increase and maintain healthy mobility, balance, and flexibility 74 participants per class, Monday's 10:00 – 11:30 am Wednesday's 8:30 – 10:00 am.
- **Choir and Guitar class** – A successful class directed towards teaching seniors vocal and guitar fundamentals with lots of space for technique development. 15 Participants per class. Tuesday's Wednesday's 1:00 - 3:00 pm.
- **Cities of Mexico & SA** - Santa Ana College led, lessons take participants for a ride around the world as they watch videos, visiting different countries, and discovering diverse cultures with 12 participants per class. Thursdays 12:00- 2:00 pm.
- **English for Spanish Speakers** - staff led class, participants learn beginning grammar along with proper pronunciation in order to develop writing and sentence structure with an average of 10 participants per class. Tuesday's & Thursday's from 10:00– 11:00 am.
- **Fit Mind, Fit Body** led by Amistad Medical Clinic led, participants engage in rhythmic exercises that hosts 74 participants per class. Monday's 9:00 – 9:45 am Tuesday's 9:00- 9:45am.
- **Fitness Fusion** Santa Ana College led, this class provides seniors with different body movements directed towards improving and retaining optimum health. This class averages 26 participants per class. Fridays 1:15- 2:15pm.
- **Folkloric Dance** - volunteer led, for active seniors, seniors will learn the basic steps of traditional Mexican dances average of 8-10 participants per class. Mondays 4:00-6:00 pm.

- **Line Dancing** – led by staff, for active seniors who want to participate in cardio fitness. Seniors apply different dance moves while listening to multiple genres of music 46 participants per class, Friday's 10:00-11:00 am.
- **Loteria** – Staff led, an activity involving a traditional Mexican board game and deck that provides seniors with the possibility of winning prizes at the end of each month. 54 participants per class. Monday's Tuesday's Wednesday's Friday's 12:00– 1: 00 pm.
- **Low Impact Resistance Training** - Santa Ana College led, provides in-person instruction at this fun and active adult program, creating a lively environment with upbeat jams and a variety of body movements. 74 Participants per class. Tuesdays 10:30-11:30 am.
- **Move mas Fuerte with Parkinson** –designed for participants who want to acquire exercise techniques aimed to ease some of the debilitating symptoms Parkinson provokes as well as obtain knowledge about this condition. Average of 4 participants per class, Thursdays 1:00– 2:00pm
- **Self Defense Class-** Santa Ana College lead, Participants learn potential lifesaving defense techniques in addition to engaging cardio body movement. Average of 23 participants per class, Thursdays 10:00-11:30 am.
- **Stretch Class** – Staff Led, seniors start their day by warming up to this class. It is for all seniors who wish to increase their range of motion and maintain a healthy one. 39 participants per class, Monday's 8:30-9:00am, Tuesday's 8:30– 9:00 am, Friday's 8:30– 9:30 am.
- **Technology class** – Staff-led class, designed towards helping seniors operate their cellphones and tablets with ease in some of the most essential built-in functions. 6 participants per class. Monday's 10:00–11:00 am Friday's 10:00–11:00 am.
- **United Warriors** – Staff led, this class provides a safe space for females to communicate intimate topics as it intends to be a support group activity. Average of 17 participants per class, Mondays 12:00– 1:30 pm.
- **Women's Essence** – Staff-led class, designed for female participants who want to learn about self-care. This class offers arts & crafts activities as well as nail painting techniques. Average of 15 participants per class, Wednesdays 10:00– 11:00 am.

April 2025 Events and Excursions

- 4/4 – Card Making (MOW)
- 4/6 – SAC Spring Break
- 4/7 – Descanso Gardens Excursion
- 4/9 – Health Seminar (HBP)
- 4/10 – Commodities A-L
- 4/14 – Legal Aide
- 4/16 – Spring Celebration
- 4/17 – Commodities M-Z
- 4/22 – Earth Day
- 4/23 – HICAP Medicare
- 4/26 – Private Reservation

May 2025 Planned Events

- 5/2 – Card Making (MOW)
- 5/3 – May Celebration AASSC (Ballet Folklorico Generacion de Oro de Southwest Senior Center) participated

- 5/5 – 5 De Mayo Loteria/Salsa Contest
- 5/7 – Huntington Library Registration
- 5/8 – Commodities A-L
- 5/9 – Mother's Day Lunch (MAYOR AMEZCUA)
- 5/12 – Legal Aide
- 5/14 – Mother's Celebration
- 5/15 – Commodities M-Z
- 5/22 – Huntington Library Excursion
- 5/26 – Memorial Day (CLOSED)
- 5/28 – Hicap/Medicare
- 5/29 – Getty Museum registration

Upcoming Facility Reservations (PUBLIC)

- 5/3 – Aquatics Training 9am-5pm
- 5/21 – Summer Staff In-service (Youth) 4:30pm-8:30pm
- 5/29 – Community zooning workshop 3pm-7pm

Programs and Services

In-Person Congregate Lunch Program

The senior centers are pleased to announce that the Meals-On-Wheels OC in-person congregate lunch program has returned to Santa Ana Senior Center and Southwest Senior Center. The in-person lunch program offers healthy nutrition and social connections for older adults. Seniors are welcome to visit the senior centers, Monday through Friday from 11:30 am-12:30 pm, to enjoy a warm meal. During April, Santa Ana Senior Center provided 1076 meals to an average 51 participants per day and Southwest Senior Center provided 1542 meals to an average of 69 participants per day.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

TEFAP provides monthly food assistance targeted to low-income seniors. To keep track of food distribution, seniors are requested to register to receive a punch card with dates indicating when they pick up a bag of nonperishable food items distributed on the second and third Thursday of the month from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. at Santa Ana Senior Center, and from 9:30 to 11:00 am at Southwest Senior Center.

April distribution numbers for each center include 313 seniors at the Santa Ana Senior Center, and 182 at the Southwest Senior Center (SWSC). The SWSC reported 28 new registered participants for December.

Senior Transportation Program

The Senior Transportation Program services are in transit! The program currently offers transportation services for seniors (271 currently registered) from their place of residence to either the Southwest Senior Center or Santa Ana Senior Center. To participate, seniors are required to be 60 years of age, a resident of the City of Santa Ana, and a registered participant at either of the two senior centers in the City of Santa Ana. Monthly shopping trips to local markets, social outings and outdoor excursions for program participants are in progress!

The registered numbers of participants have increased due to our monthly excursions and weekly shopping trips.

April Completed Trips

- 4/1 – Ross
- 4/3-4/4 – Walking Club/Centennial Park
- 4/8 – Walmart/El Super
- 4/11-4/12 – Walking Club/Milesquare
- 4/14 – Food 4 Less/Marshalls
- 4/17-4/18 – Walking Club/Sandpointe
- 4/18 – Brea Mall
- 4/21 – Walmart/El Super
- 4/22 – Farmers Market
- 4/24-4/25 – Walking Club/Thornton Park
- 4/28 – Trader Joe's/Ross/Target
- 4/29 – In-n-Out

May Upcoming Trips

- 5/1-5/2 – Walking Club/Centennial Park
- 5/5 – Walmart Shopping Center
- 5/6 – Ross
- 5/8-5/9 – Walking Club /Memorial Park
- 5/9 – Mother's Day Celebration with Mayor Amezcua
- 5/12 – Food 4 Less Shopping Center
- 5/14 – Mother's Day Celebration
- 5/15-5/16 – Walking Club/Marbury
- 5/16 – South Coast Plaza
- 5/19 – Northgate Mercado
- 5/20 – Baja Fish Tacos
- 5/22-5/23 – Walking Club/Sandpointe
- 5/27 – Trader's Joe's Shopping Center
- 5/28 – Tustin Farmer's Market
- 5/29-5/30 – Walking Club/Santiago Park

Special Events Section

Special Event Permits

During the month of March, April and May the Special Event Section has been processing approximately 20 third party permits over the past few months. Interested applicants can contact the special events division at specialevents@santa-ana.org to receive the application and gain assistance going through the special event reservation process.

City-Wide Special Events

Santa Ana Fun Run

The '70s themed Santa Ana Fun Run will be held on Saturday, May 17 with a route primarily focused in the Civic Center Area. Registration for the Fun Run has closed, as of May 9, and the final registration numbers include 825 people registered for the 10k, an increase of over 463 participants from the previous year. The 5k has 1,729 registrations out of 2,000 available spots.

This year's registration period of increased to two months and was very successful The Frida Cinema is hosting the beer garden and all money raised will go to support their programming. The beer garden will be open from 8:30 am – 12:00 pm. The 10k will kick off the event at 8:00 am and the 5k will start at 9:00 am. After the run the kids dash will begin approximately at 10:00 am and vendors, resources, and food will be available to the public.

This year PRCSA is also working with PWA to bring the popular Public Works Event to the Santa Ana Fun Run. Public works will be bringing large equipment, resources regarding public work information, and many large trucks for the public. The Santa Ana Fun Run will open at 7:00 am for check-in and the event will end 12:00 pm.

Project Kinship is a title sponsor and will be onsite sharing resources, participating in a water station and helping us have a great time.

Movies in the Park Series

The Summer Movies in the Park Series kicks off on Friday, June 6 at 6:30 pm with the movie "The Garfield Movie" at El Salvador Park. The event starts at 6:30 pm with exhibitors, non-profits, and food for sale. The movie will start as soon as it is dark enough to see the screen. Every Friday, with the exception of July 4, there will be a Movie in the Park, and the series will culminate on July 25th at the Santa Ana Zoo. The full list of movies is included here:

Date	Location	Movie
June 6, 2025	El Salvador Park	"The Garfield Movie"
June 13, 2025	Santiago Park	"Despicable Me 4"
June 20, 2025	Windsor Park	"Moana 2"
June 27, 2025	Jerome Park	"Inside Out 2"
July 11, 2025	Carl Thornton Park	"Lilo & Stitch (2002)"
July 18, 2025	Memorial Park	"Toy Story"
July 25, 2025	Santa Ana Zoo	"Madagascar"

4th of July Celebration

The annual 4th of July Firework Celebration will be held at Centennial Park, on Friday, July 4 from 5:00-9:00 pm. The band Tabu has been booked to come back and get everyone dancing again. Fireworks will be starting at 8:45 pm and ending approximately at 9:00 pm. The entry into the park will end at 8:30 pm to be sure to get there early. Food will be available for purchase and there will be some exhibitors.

Youth & Teens Section

Garfield Community Center

Current:

- SAPL Teen Time: rotating teens 5-10 participants
- Contract Classes Winter/Spring 2025:
 - Young Rembrandts:
 - SAC Digital Literacy Tier 3: (ages 18+)
 - Spring Session: (age 18+) 11 Participants
 - Zumba
 - Yoga/Tai Chi

Santa Ana Collaborative

Community collaborative initiatives have become an impactful trend in different communities over the years. The goal is to create a space for service driven organizations to gather, communicate, and partner in an effort to better meet the needs of a community. The Parks and Recreation Team saw the need for this type of organization in Santa Ana, and have since created a space for local Santa Ana agencies to gather regularly. Meetings held 12:00 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the El Salvador Center.

- **March Attendance: 27 organizations**
- **April Attendance: 12 organizations**

Youth Programming:

Past:

Spring Break Kid's Camp

Youth ages 6 to 12 attended a special camp over the school break held Monday, April 7 to Friday, April 11, 2025, from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm at Garfield Community Center. Participants enjoyed crafts and exciting activities inspired by spring along with special visits from the Santa Ana Zoo, Police Department Canine Unit, Public Works, and Public Library. Resident fees were \$110 with a sibling rate of \$70, and non-resident fees were \$130 with a sibling rate of \$90. **Attendance** totaled 21 participants.

Upcoming:

Summer Splash Day Camp

Youth ages 6 to 12 will attend a summer camp held from **Monday, June 2 to Friday, August 8, 2025**, from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm at the El Salvador Community Center, Jerome Recreation Center, and Salgado Recreation Center. Over the course of 10 weeks, participants will enjoy themed crafts and activities, swim lessons and recreational swim, free lunches provided by SAUSD, and weekly off-site Thursday excursions. Resident fees will be \$110 with a sibling rate of \$70, and non-resident fees will be \$130 with a sibling rate of \$90. **Estimated weekly attendance** is 150 participants.

Kid's Night Out

Participants' ages 6-12 years have the opportunity to attend one Friday a month, themed evenings with crafts, activities, and treats at rotating community center locations throughout the city for \$10 monthly/\$5 per additional sibling.

Past:

March

- Theme: Stellar Science
- Friday 3/21/25 from 5:00 – 8:00pm at El Salvador Community Center
- Participants: 20

Upcoming:

April

- Theme: Spring Carnival
- Friday 4/18/25 from 5:00 – 8:00 pm at Roosevelt-Walker Community Center

- Participants: 32

Mariposa Park Pop-up

A community-favorite program that holds exciting outdoor themed activities and games. Garfield Staff recognized the need for outdoor programming at the local park and created the free interactive program that was piloted spring of 2024. Mariposa Park Pop-up held Tuesdays and Thursdays (2-3pm) weekly.

Past

- March: 22 participants

Upcoming

- April: 24 participants

Techno Niños

This community-favorite program focuses on exposing youth, grades K-8, to STEM and technology programs with coding languages, basic technology skills, and a world of fun, hands-on tech activities. is held on a bi-weekly basis for \$5 monthly. Level 1: ages 5-9, Level 2: ages 1-14

Past

- March: 6 participants

Upcoming

- April: 6 participants

After School Tutoring

Based on community feedback, the After School Tutoring Program for grades 1st-6th, 7th-12th grade is a new initiative designed to provide students with support in a friendly environment to help them tackle assignments and build confidence. The program operates Monday to Wednesday from 2:30-3:30 pm (ages 6-12) & 5:00-7:00 pm (ages 13-17) and Fridays from 2:30-3:30 pm (all ages) in the Garfield Center computer lab. Cost: Free

Teen Programming:

eSports:

This program is a pilot program to create not only a positive safe space for our youth and teens to play games but to create a scholarship pipeline for college and career opportunities. We have purchased 11 new custom-built computers and are currently waiting for IT to complete the installation. This program uses gaming and technology to build life skills such as leadership, teamwork, effective communication, critical thinking, and problem solving. **(Set to begin May 2025).**

Teen Excursion Program

Past:

The Teen Excursion Program offered several exciting outings during the spring season that gave teens and families the chance to experience memorable events outside of their local community. On Friday, March 7, 2025, a group of 50 teens and 5 staff attended an Anaheim Ducks hockey game. Staff and participants met at the center and departed at 4:30 pm, arriving at the arena in time to find their seats and enjoy the pre-game atmosphere. The group returned to the center around 11:30 pm The event offered many teens their first experience watching a professional hockey game live, and the energy and excitement in the arena made for an unforgettable evening.

Next, on Saturday, March 22, 2025, the program headed to Universal Studios Hollywood. With an early start at 8:00 am, 48 teens and 5 staff spent the day exploring the park's rides, shows, and attractions. From the Wizarding World of Harry Potter to the Studio Tour, the teens were fully engaged and energized throughout the day. The group returned to the center by 9:30 pm, tired but thrilled from a full day of fun and adventure.

The season wrapped up with a larger-scale excursion on **Saturday, April 5, 2025**, where **138 youth, families, and 4 staff** attended a **Clippers basketball game**. The group departed at 4:45 pm and returned around 11:00 pm. For many families, this was their first time attending an NBA game, and the shared experience fostered excitement, bonding, and lasting memories.

Upcoming:

- **Excursion: Angels Game - Saturday, April 26, 2025**
 - Expected attendance: 50 teens and 5 staff
 - Time: 4:30pm – 11:30pm

VolunTEEN

This program allows teens to engage in volunteer opportunities with the city and a unique pathway into public service careers. Grounded in youth development theory, this program combines hands-on volunteer experiences with leadership training, fostering skills needed for future civic roles. VolunTEENs can transition into employment opportunities within the city, graduating into roles such as internships, program leaders, and lifeguards for PRCSA and SAPL. Participants will contribute to their community while gaining insight and connections that support their growth as emerging leaders.

Youth Empowerment Initiative (Y.E.I)

This program is our first leadership program for teens ages 13-17. The Youth Empowerment Initiative, rooted in the youth development theory, emphasizes the importance of involving youth in the process to enhance their connection and engagement with the outcomes. By providing opportunities to develop skills, gain knowledge, volunteer, and build positive relationships. Teens meet twice a month on Fridays. Impresiones is currently collaborating with the Santa Ana Senior Center and Southwest Senior Center to create intergenerational opportunities with older adults ages +55.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact associated with this report.

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