

City of Yorba Linda Memorandum

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TO: Honorable Chair and Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Jeff Ruth, Parks and Recreation Superintendent
Brad Skeene, Parks and Facilities Superintendent

SUBJECT: Summary of Parks and Recreation Department Highlights: September 1 to December 31, 2025

This report provides a summary of Parks and Recreation Department highlights that occurred between September 1 to December 31, 2025. It is recommended the Parks and Recreation Commission receive and file this report.

Recreation Division Highlights

CATEGORY	CLASSES OFFERED	PARTICIPANTS	PERCENTAGE COMPLETED	REVENUE
Preschool	53	266	81%	\$44,653
Youth & Teens	159	258	66%	\$44,774
Adults	139	1,027	83%	\$61,901
Seniors	47	504	97%	\$14,648
Tennis	36	178	100%	\$26,362
Total	434	2,233	85%	\$192,338
Fall 2024	367	1,752	90%	\$207,167

- The Movies in the Park series brought big smiles and big stories—starting with Inside Out 2 lighting up Eastside Community Park on September 20, and wrapping up with a magical, full volume singalong showing of Wicked at Hurless Barton Park on October 18.
- On October 4, the Senior Wellness Expo was held at the Community Center. Seniors had the opportunity to interact and get valuable information from over 60 health and wellness vendors and participate in various health screenings (hearing, blood pressure, oral health, fall risk, skin health and nutrition absorption). The event also included presentations from the Orange County Sheriff's Department regarding how to identify and prevent fraud, ID theft, and scams and by the Orange County Fire Authority on fall prevention. The event was a great success with over 500 hundred participants.
- Trail & Treats Halloween Hike was held on Saturday, October 25 from 9 -11 a.m. The event featured a fun hike along the trail near Travis Ranch Youth Park where families enjoyed games, treats and photo opportunities. The event was sold out with approximately six hundred people in attendance.

- A Senior Dance was held on Sunday, October 26 at the Community Center with 100 guests in attendance. Guests enjoyed snacks, refreshments, dancing, and live musical performances by 5 Star Band.
- The Santa Express Letters program ran from November 3 through December 5, offering children the chance to send their holiday wish lists to Santa. This season, the Department delivered a total of 511 personalized letters from Santa, the largest in the program's history. This year, staff creatively utilized Microsoft Pilot to tailor responses specifically to the content of each child's letter.
- The Parks and Recreation Department and Yorba Linda Public Library hosted the City's eight annual Youth Empowerment Service Day on Saturday, November 15, at the Field House with 125 teenagers in grades 6th-12th in attendance. This year the event partnered with the With Hope Foundation, a local non-profit organization dedicated to suicide prevention and mental health awareness. Teens participated in an informative presentation, helped sort the organizations resource material, and made crafts that help bring awareness to mental health resources. In total, teens organized a few hundred trifolds, cards, and wallet cards for the organization.
- Kids' Night Out was held on December 5 at the Field House. The event featured crafts, games, food, music, and a movie. The event was sponsored by Chick-Fil-A which included dinner and a special appearance from the Chick-Fil-A cow. There were 44 participants 6-12 years of age that attended the event.
- Breakfast with Santa took place on Saturday, December 6, at the Community Center, welcoming 250 registered participants. Attendees enjoyed a festive morning featuring a breakfast buffet provided by Center Weddings and Events, along with holiday themed crafts, music, and photo opportunities with Santa.
- The Teen Action Committee (TAC) participated in the following several service projects over the course of the reporting period:
 - On Saturday, September 27, TAC participated in Bite of Reality in partnership with Orange County Credit Union. A total of 28 middle school teens learned about budgeting and finances. Teens enjoyed some morning donuts, activities, and participated in a budgeting exercise.
 - On Saturday, October 4, TAC volunteered at the Senior Wellness Expo at the Community Center. A total of 22 middle school volunteers helped with check-in, set-up, clean-up, and food preparation.
 - On Wednesday, October 15, 19 TAC assisted in the preparation of games and activities booths for Trails and Treats. Volunteers painted cornhole boards and assembled decorations. Volunteers also made Halloween candy bags for the seniors at the Community Center.
 - On Saturday, October 25, TAC volunteered at Trails and Treats, running the first two game booths for the event. The 23 teens in attendance helped host the games, encouraged participants, and handed out candy.

- On Tuesday, November 11, TAC volunteered at the Veterans Day event at Veterans Park. A total of 6 volunteers assisted with event set up, handed out cards to thank the veterans in attendance, and helped with event clean up.
- On Monday, December 22, TAC hosted an intergenerational game day for the seniors at the Community Center. A total of 11 volunteers helped operate the human slot machine, balloon tic tac toe, cornhole, and connect four activities for seniors. Volunteers also completed activity books and played board games at the tables with the seniors.
- Two Nerf Nights took place during this reporting period. The first Teen Nerf Night event was held on Friday, September 5, on the Yorba Linda Middle School field from 6 to 7:30 p.m. for teens ages 10 to 13. The event was a success with 25 teens participating. The second Teen Nerf Night event was held on Friday, November 7, in the Field House from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The event was a success with 43 teens participating in a Glow in the Dark theme.
- The Mighty Tykes and Rec Soccer fall season started on August 2025. Mighty Tykes is a youth sports program for children 3 to 5 years of age and learn the basics of sports and activities. A total of 7 Mighty Tykes classes were offered (four soccer classes, two basketball classes, and one T-Ball class) with 140 children participating. In addition, staff created an accelerated Mighty Tykes program of soccer and basketball with a total of 27 participants for its first session. The new three-week program was offered twice a week during the month of December.
- The Spike Time Volleyball program started on August 25 with 35 participants in the Junior Clinic (8 to 10 years of age) and 65 participants in the Youth League (11 to 13 years of age). On October 18, the Field House hosted the Final Spike, which consisted of a tournament, medals, a trophy for the winning team, and a photo backdrop for our participants to take pictures in front of. There was also a small reception for participants with snacks to celebrate the successful season.
- The Senior Mobility Program utilizes California Yellow Cab to provide transportation to local seniors. Service during the reporting period was Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. which allows transportation throughout Yorba Linda and 3 miles outside of Yorba Linda city limits. The program provided a total of 2,554 passenger trips during the reporting period, maintaining consistent trip levels each month, to and from the Community Center, medical and personal care appointments, grocery/shopping trips, libraries, and other locations.
- The monthly Senior Ice Cream Socials & Birthday Celebrations were held on September 25, October 23, November 13 and December 16. Each event hosted about 140 participants, who enjoyed ice cream, snacks, refreshments, and musical performances by Anthony Bernasconi, Tony Rogers, Darden Band and Rob as Elvis.
- The Senior Art Show and Reception was held at the Community Center on November 5 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Participants from the senior art classes offered throughout the year entered their artwork to be judged by the Yorba Linda Arts Alliance, with winning pieces

being eligible for display at The Gallery at the Cultural Arts Center. The event featured complimentary hors d'oeuvres, refreshments, live music, and a brief presentation.

- The Quarterly Encore Event was held on October 29 at the OC Wine Mart. A total of 40 participants enjoyed a night of Wine Tasting, Charcuterie Boards and other Hors D'oeuvres, as well live entertainment by Dave Victorino.
- Senior Coffee is offered Monday through Friday mornings in the Community Center's Imperial Room from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Average attendance is 20 people daily.
- The Senior Lunch Program continued to serve congregate hot meals in partnership with Meals on Wheels Orange County. In total, 3,429 hot meals were served.
- In partnership with NOCE's (North Orange County Education) Emeritus program, 11 free senior citizen courses were offered weekly at the Community Center. Classes include exercise, art, and special interest classes. In total, 6,460 participants attended the classes with many repeat customers.
- The Senior Grocery Program continued to operate twice per month in partnership with Second Harvest Food Bank. During the reporting period, 828 participants, including 478 Yorba Linda residents, received dairy products, fresh fruit/vegetables, canned/boxed goods, and other grocery essentials.
- The senior Monday Movie Matinees were held twice per month with consistent attendance of approximately 50 participants each date. Movies are shown at the Community Center on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 12:30 p.m. Movies shown were *Rudy*, *Grumpier Old Men*, *Mission Impossible: The Final Reckoning*, *Grease*, *Here*, *Smokey & The Bandit*, *Christmas with the Cranks*, and *Superman*. Drinks and light refreshments were served.
- On Friday, October 3, the Virginia De Land Theater hosted *The Greatest Showmen*, a one night variety show paying tribute to some of the greatest singers of all time, which had 106 attendees.
- The Virginia De Land Theater at the Cultural Arts Center hosted two partnered theatrical productions. *Little Women*, produced in partnership with the Yorba Linda Spotlight Players, ran October 10 through October 19 and had a total of 721 attendees and total revenue of \$21,500. *Into the Woods*, produced partnership with Alchemy Theatre Company, ran November 7 through November 23 and had a total of 1,064 attendees and revenue of \$35,539. Both of these shows have received several nominations for the upcoming [OC Theatre Guild Awards](#).
- The Gallery at the Cultural Arts Center featured two exhibits during the reporting period, Fantastic! (art inspired by fantasy and science fiction), which ran September 9 through November 7 with 41 pieces and the Senior Art Show (featuring winning art pieces from the Community Center's Senior Art Show & Reception), which ran November 9 through January 5 with 27 pieces.
- The Cultural Arts Center continued its monthly Family Art Experience, inviting families of up to five, to enjoy a seasonal craft in different mediums. During the reporting period, four dates were held and hosted a total of 66 families.

- Parent Toddler Art Time was held across 12 Friday mornings at the Cultural Arts Center and welcomed 181 toddlers and their caregivers to participate in fun and educational crafts that help cognitive development.
- The Parks and Recreation Department hosted a Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Yorba Linda Town Center Fountain on December 6. The event was held in tandem with the Holiday on Main Street Event and featured live entertainment, crafts, and remarks by Mayor Rodriguez, culminating in the lighting of the Town Center tree accompanied by a festive snowfall.
- Adult sports basketball leagues took place from September 11 – December 11 at the Field House. The men’s league was held on Thursday evenings with 17 teams and the women’s league on Tuesday evenings with five teams. The adult sports men’s softball league was held on Monday evenings at Eastside Park Community Park from October 6 – December 8.

SPORT	TEAMS	REVENUE
Basketball	22	\$7,700
Softball	4	\$1,700
Total	26	\$9,400
Fall 2025	26 27	\$9,050

Parks and Facilities Division Highlights

- Completed the annual grid pruning of approximately 1/3 of the parks and facility trees. This year a total of 1,460 trees were trimmed.
- The old restroom building was removed at Travis Ranch Youth Park.
- The restroom partitions were replaced in all of the restrooms at City Hall.
- Completed the tile roof project at City Hall. The project included removing and storing the existing roof tiles, removing and replacing the underlayment and re-installed the roof tiles.
- Replace all of the inverter batteries on the parking structure emergency backup inverter.
- Performed the minor service and load bank tests on the emergency backup generators at City Hall, Community Center and the Police Services building.
- The Community Center maintained strong activity throughout the quarter, hosting facility rentals and several notable events. Highlights included the Yorba Linda Woman’s Club Craft Fair on November 1 and 2, which showcased more than one hundred and fifty local vendors.

FACILITY	REVENUE	BOOKINGS	ATTENDANCE
Community Center	\$134,130	362	23,012
Cultural Arts Center	\$17,257	7	1,320
Thomas Lasorda Jr. Field House	\$35,350	90	9,020
Travis Ranch Activity Center	\$32,971	110	10,000
TOTAL	\$219,708	569	43,352

ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND	RESERVATIONS	ATTENDANCE
September 2025	552	5,482
October 2025	300	4,434
November 2025	149	2,964
December 2025	93	2,699
Fall 2025	1,094	15,579
September 2024	676	5,004
October 2024	322	3,975
November 2024	n/a*	n/a
December 2024	n/a*	n/a
Fall 2024	998	8,979

*Park was closed due to turf installation.

Marketing and Specialty Projects

- The Parks and Recreation Department continues to utilize social media to promote events, programs, and important updates, while building a sense of community among our followers. Analytics for the reporting period are included below.

	Followers	New Followers	Page Visits	Profile Views
Facebook	4,731	63	1,296	72,186
Instagram	6,188	234	1,578	148,706

- The Parks and Recreation Department E-Newsletter continues to be a valuable marketing tool for the Department. The monthly e-mails were sent to an average of 20,498 subscribers with an average 10,542 (51%) opening each issue, and 353 (1.7%) clicking on content within the issue.

Calendar of Upcoming Events (March 19 – May 31)

- The 29th Flashlight Egg Hunt will take place on Friday, April 3, from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Music, entertainment, raffles and an outdoor egg hunt will take place in Hurless Barton Park.
- The 41st Annual Egg-Citement Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 4 at 10 a.m. The event is located at Hurless Barton Park and will feature outdoor age-specific hunt zones, music, inflatables, entertainment, and a petting zoo.

- Love Yorba Linda will take place on April 25. The Teen Action Committee will participate in this community wide service day project by working with the LMAD team on painting a fence and also hosting the Thank-a-Hero campaign to write letters for those serving and who have served.
- The next Comedy Night at the Virginia De Land Theater at the Cultural Arts Center will be held on Saturday, April 25 from 7-10 p.m. Tickets are on sale at www.purplepass.com/YLCAC.
- The spring Kids' Night Out will take place on Friday, May 22 at the Travis Ranch Activity Center. To celebrate America 250, Recreation Staff have a star-spangled night planned, complete with a delicious dinner (and maybe some sweet patriotic treats!).
- The Kids Community Swap Meet will take place on Saturday, May 30 from 8 –10:30 a.m. at the Community Center. The event is sold out with 70 vendors selling toys, games, sports equipment, clothing and more.
- Three Teen Nerf Nights are scheduled from March-May. The Yorba Linda Middle School Field will become the battleground for all three. On Friday, March 20 the Salute to Service Nerf Night will take place celebrating America 250. On Friday, April 10, the theme will be Wild Western Nerf Night, and the last one will take place on Friday, May 8 with a Star Wars theme.
- The next exhibit at the Gallery at the Cultural Arts Center, POP! Goes the Culture, will begin on March 24 with a public reception on Thursday, April 2 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- On March 30 and April 1, the City of Yorba Linda will be offering Bunny Pictures at the Thomas Lasorda Jr. Field House. This will allow families to be able to take pictures with Yorba Linda's Bunny without having to wait in line during the Egg-Citement Hunt.
- Theater goers will be transported overseas for Alchemy Theatre Company's production of Murder on the Orient Express at the Virginia De Land Theater at the Cultural Arts Center, which will run May 8-17.
- Senior Dance will take place on May 16 and will celebrate the theme "America 250." Guests will enjoy snacks, refreshments, dancing, and live musical performances by 5 Star Band.
- The Quarterly Encore Event will be held on Tuesday, May 26 at the Exodus Escape Room. Participants are invited to join us after at Out of the Park Pizza for refreshments.
- Senior Wellness Week will be held at the Community Center from March 23 through March 27 with a series of healthy seminars and health screenings.