



**Parks, Recreation and
Human Services Commission**

Wednesday, February 26, 2025, 5:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1 Civic Center Circle
Brea, California 92821

Bill Higgins, Chair

Irene Rifilato, Vice Chair

Craig Livingston, Commissioner

Eric Mason, Commissioner

Gill Realon, Commissioner

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Date Posted: February 19, 2025



Parks, Recreation and Human Services Commission Communication

A. Correspondence

Meeting	Agenda Group
Wednesday, February 26, 2025, 5:30 PM	Correspondence - Staff Item: 7A.
FROM	
Carrie Hernandez, Director of Community Services	

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Carrie Hernandez, Community Services Director

Concurrence: Sean L. Matlock, Deputy Director of Community Services

Attachments

[Correspondence 01-2025.pdf](#)

BREA Community CENTER Tell Us...

Your opinion counts!

Help us continue to ensure quality customer service and save paper! Email your comments to us at BCCTellUs@cityofbrea.net. Or you can take a few minutes to complete and return this card.

Brea employees are committed to serving you in a knowledgeable, professional and courteous manner. Did a member of our staff provide exceptionally outstanding care...or is there something we can do to improve our service?

Date: 1/17 Time: 9 o'clock

I Visited the Following: Body Pump

- ☒ Fitness Center
- ☐ Kid Watch/Tiny Tots
- ☐ Recreation/Contract Class
- ☐ Youth and Adult Sports
- ☐ Family Resource Center
- ☐ Basketball Gymnasium
- ☐ Front Counter
- ☐ After School Program/Teen Zone
- ☐ Event/Other: _____

Body Pump

Comments or Suggestions:

Dangerous Amount of
students
With heavy weights
Accident just waiting
to happen
Please limit amount of
people in classes
First come first serve
many slip in after class starts

Not enough room for your comments?

You can e-mail our team of supervisors at:

BCCTellUs@cityofbrea.net

Would you like us to get back to you?

We would be happy to respond, if you would please fill out the information below:

Name: We have a set amount

Telephone: of equipment for capacity -

Email Address: 32 bars - DA

Please place this card in a "Tell Us" box.
Thank you for your input!

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Date: 1-26-25 Time: 11:00 AM

I Visited the Following:

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- ☐ Family Resource Center
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EX ROOM - FOR
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ON STAGE?
THANK YOU FOR
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Name: AA

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

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Parks, Recreation and Human Services Commission Communication

B. Approval of Minutes

Meeting	Agenda Group
Wednesday, February 26, 2025, 5:30 PM	Action Item: 8B.
FROM	
Carrie Hernandez, Director of Community Services	

RECOMMENDATION

Approve.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Carrie Hernandez, Community Services Director

Concurrence: Sean L. Matlock, Deputy Director of Community Services

Prepared by: Carrie Hosozawa, Executive Assistant

Attachments

[01-22-2025 PRHS Draft Minutes.pdf](#)

**** The following document is a draft of the minutes and the not the official approved minutes ****

Minutes for the Parks, Recreation and Human Services Commission

1 Civic Center Circle, Brea, California 92821

January 22, 2025 PM

Roll Call: *(The following members were in attendance)*

- **Bill Higgins**, Parks, Recreation and Human Services Chair
- **Eric Mason**, Parks, Recreation and Human Services Commissioner
- **Gill Realon**, Parks, Recreation and Human Services Commissioner
- **Janet Son**, Parks, Recreation and Human Services Commissioner

Absent:

- **Irene Rifilato**, Parks, Recreation and Human Services Vice Chair

1. Call to Order

Chair Higgins called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Higgins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Invocation

Chair Higgins asked for a moment of silence for all those affected by the recent Los Angeles fires.

4. Informational

4A. Student Advisory Board Update-

Community Services Supervisor Mary Kathryn Mendoza introduced the Student Advisory Board (SAB) and shared recent activities, including hosting dances, volunteering at the Senior Center, and organizing community events. The SAB has been involved in various projects, such as face painting, arts and crafts, and assisting with special events like tree lighting. The SAB has a long history, with current Community Services Specialist Jazmine Serna starting as a participant and working her way up through the program. The SAB plans to continue its activities and make a positive impact in the school and community.

5. Matters from the Audience

Beth Riley expressed frustration over the maintenance and upkeep of the Brea Sports Park and the Tracks at Brea. She recalled past promises made about park improvements, noting that while her son, now 40, was meant to benefit from them, her grandson is now playing in the same facilities with ongoing issues.

Key concerns she raised include:

- Overflowing garbage cans at the soccer field and general park maintenance issues.
- Poor field conditions, including dangerous ruts in the baseball field.
- Weeds growing in brick areas and a lack of upkeep compared to past years.
- The need for more attention to the walking tracks, especially the underpass, which has overgrown weeds posing a fire hazard.
- The deteriorating wall on State College near the tracks, which is an eyesore.
- Concerns about funds being allocated to other projects (such as Arovista) instead of addressing immediate maintenance needs.
- She emphasized a desire to work collaboratively to improve the parks, offered her help in maintenance efforts, and encouraged officials to prioritize the upkeep of existing spaces before expanding them further. She left photos documenting the issues for review.

Craig Farris addressed the Parks and Recreation Commission to highlight concerns about park maintenance, particularly regarding baseball fields.

Key points he raised include:

- He helped organize the Centennial Anniversary of the historic baseball game and worked closely with the city staff, who did a fantastic job.
- While preparing for the event, he personally inspected the outfield and identified several hazardous holes, which were filled before the game.
- He inquired about field maintenance and was informed that staffing shortages, particularly due to COVID-related retirements and the shift from full-time to part-time positions, have impacted park upkeep.
- City staff is struggling to maintain parks, medians, and dog parks due to these workforce reductions.
- He emphasized that his intent was not to criticize the dedicated parks staff but to bring awareness to the need for proper staffing as the city grows.

- Residents are noticing maintenance issues, and he believes this concern extends beyond just a few individuals.
- He encouraged collaboration between residents and the commission to address these challenges and maintain the city's beauty.

Farris concluded by expressing gratitude to the commission for their service and reaffirming his commitment to working together for the betterment of the city's parks.

6. School District Representative

BOUSD Assistant Superintendent Rick Champion expressed his excitement to the Commission over the successful passage of Measure H. At the upcoming board meeting, two resolutions will be addressed: certifying the election and forming a citizens oversight committee within the mandated 60-day period. He emphasized the district's commitment to delivering on project promises, particularly improvements to the junior high. Collaboration with public works and city officials will be key, and more updates will follow. He also expressed appreciation for the support.

Amber Gonzalez Duong provided an update on the fencing projects at local schools. The work at Laurel Elementary is complete, and Country Hills is nearing completion. Upcoming projects include Arovista, Falcon, and Mariposa, with Brea Junior High and Brea High School scheduled for later this year.

7. Action

7A. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Realon requested an addition to the minutes under **Item 4. Informational:** *The Commission requested staff to continue to monitor and provide an update.*

Commissioner Realon made a motion to approve as amended, seconded by Commissioner Mason.

Motion passed 3-1-1.

Ayes: Higgins, Mason, Realon

Nays: None

Abstain: Son

Absent: Rifilato

7B. Adoption of Resolution No. PRHS 2025-01

Deputy Director Sean Matlock provided background for the proposed resolution to address scheduling conflicts for Commission meetings in November and December due to Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Key recommendations:

- **November:** No meeting would be scheduled.
- **December:** The meeting would be moved from the fourth Wednesday to the first Wednesday.
- The resolution is necessary to formally approve these changes.
- If needed, a special meeting can still be scheduled in November.
- The proposal was presented as a flexible and practical solution for the commission's consideration.

Motion to approve made by Commissioner Mason and seconded by Commissioner Realon.

Motion passed 4-0-1

Ayes: Higgins, Mason, Realon, Son

Noes: None

Absent: Rifilato

7C. Adoption of the 2025 Parks, Recreation and Human Services Commission Calendar

Deputy Director Sean Matlock relayed to the Commission that Staff would no longer be reaching out to assure a quorum for the meeting and the assumption would be they be in attendance.

Commissioner Mason made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Realon.

Motion passed 4-0-1.

Ayes: Higgins, Mason, Realon, Son

Nays: None.

Absent: Rifilato

7D. Adoption of Goals

Community Services Manager Jenn Colacion provided an explanation of the Goals Matrix.

Commissioner Realon made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Mason.

Motion passed 4-0-1

Ayes: Higgins, Mason, Realon, Son

Nays: None:

Absent Rifilato

8. Discussion

8A. Community Center Replacement Fund (181) Overview and Discussion

Deputy Director Sean Matlock discusses the Community Services Replacement Fund 181 and its history, including its establishment in 1997 to cover maintenance and replacement costs for the Community Center. The fund has been used for various projects, such as ADA tiles, replacing lockers, and improving the arts garden.

8B. Public Works - Tree Removal and Tracks Landscaping Updates

Public Works Supervisor Edgar Esparza provided an update on the Tracks at Brea landscape maintenance, including stump removals, pruning, and the need for additional rainfall to support hydro-seeded areas. He also expressed concerns about the current condition of the Tracks and emphasized the need for improved watering and maintenance efforts. He mentioned some of the issues that were pointed out in Matters from the Audience are Cal Trans' responsibility.

Commissioner Realon acknowledged the ongoing commitment to addressing these issues and providing regular updates to the Commission. He suggested that updates be sent via email to ensure Commissioners remain informed.

Chair Higgins stressed the importance of maintaining the city's investment in plants by increasing watering efforts. He also noted that large tree roots at City Hall Park pose a tripping hazard and should be addressed.

9. Information Memorandum

9A. Information Memorandum

Deputy Director Sean Matlock reminded the Commission that the calendar was distributed at the beginning of the meeting and will also be included in next month's Information Memo. He also

provided an update on Fund 250, the Park Development Fund, which currently has approximately \$350,000 available.

Community Services Manager Jenn Colacion introduced **Go. Serve. Brea.**, an upcoming event that will replace **LOVE Brea**. She noted that this change will give the City greater control over the event while also resulting in cost savings.

Chair Higgins inquired about the homeless calls to the Hope Center. Jenn Colacion reported that 18 individuals are known to Brea, and as of last week, half of them had been transitioned off the streets and placed in shelters or programs. The Hope Center continues to assess and coordinate services for the remaining individuals who may require further assistance.

Commissioner Realon requested a line item be added to the Information Memo with the amount of groceries that are distributed each month at the Senior Center.

10. Reports

10A. Park Ambassadors

Commissioner Realon requested a report on attendance at the Olinda Oil Museum and noted that the water fountain there is broken. Commissioner Mason reported that an Eagle Scout group recently installed a lighted flagpole at Wildcatters Park.

Chair Higgins asked how the tree removal at the Sports Park.

10B. Golf Course Ambassadors

Chair Higgins asked about benches at Birch Hills.

10C. Art in Public Places Committee - Rifalato

No update.

10D. User Groups - Higgins

Director Hernandez commended the User Groups after recently attending a meeting.

10E. Public Works - Esparza

No updates.

10F. General Plan Steering Committee - Rifilato

No updates.

10G. Staff

Community Services Manager Jenn Colacion provided an update on Arovista Park and upcoming sidewalk improvements, noting a temporary reduction in Senior Center parking. Staff is exploring long-term solutions. Chair Higgins suggested relocating Senior Center activities to a church. Commissioner Realon inquired whether the project remains within budget, and Chair Higgins requested that staff provide the Commission with a progress report via email.

Deputy Director Matlock informed the Commission that the Commission Reorganization would be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Director Hernandez announced that Kristin Griffith has been appointed Interim City Manager following Bill Gallardo's retirement. She also acknowledged that with Jenn Colacion's promotion to Manager, the department is currently understaffed and expressed appreciation for the Commission's patience. Edgar Esparza echoed these concerns, noting additional staffing shortages due to recent vacancies.

The Commission congratulated Ms. Colacion on her promotion to Community Services Manager.

11. Adjournment

Chair Higgins adjourned the meeting at 6:58 pm.



Parks, Recreation and Human Services Commission Communication

E. Ad Hoc Committee and Park Ambassador Appointments

Meeting	Agenda Group
Wednesday, February 26, 2025, 5:30 PM	Discussion Item: 9E.
FROM	
Carrie Hernandez, Director of Community Services	

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Commission members annually serve on current and active ad hoc committees to investigate and review issues and projects that are of special interest to the Commission. It is customary to review the list of Commission ad hoc committees to determine their viability and for the Chair to maintain or modify the existing appointments to these ad hoc committees. In addition to the Commission ad hoc committees, Commissioners occasionally represent the Commission on other committees such as the Country Fair Steering Committee and the Art in Public Places Advisory Committee.

Please review the attached list as Commissioners will be asked which ad hoc committee they would like to serve. Commissioners will also be asked their interest in serving as a representative to the Country Fair Steering Committee and the Art in Public Places Advisory Committee.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Carrie Hernandez, Community Services Director

Prepared by: Carrie Hosozawa, Executive Assistant

Concurrence: Sean L. Matlock, Deputy Director of Community Services and Jenn Colacion, Community Services Manager

Attachments

[Committee Appointments April 2024.pdf](#)

AD HOC COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS 2024

Ad Hoc Committee Appointments

<u>Ad Hoc Committee</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
• Brea 265 Development	• Gill Realon/Eric Mason
• Birch Hills Golf Course Projects	• Bill Higgins/Eric Mason
• Arovista Park Modernization Project	• Irene Rifilato/Craig Livingston
• Pickle Ball	• Gill Realon/Bill Higgins

Commission Representatives

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
• Art in Public Place Advisory Committee	• Irene Rifilato
• Country Fair Steering Committee	• Gill Realon
• User Groups/Field Allocation	• Bill Higgins
• Cultural Arts Master Plan Steering Committee	• Irene Rifilato
• Focused General Plan	• Irene Rifilato

Park Ambassadors

<u>Park</u>	<u>Ambassador</u>
• Arovista Park, City Hall Park/Plunge, Senior Center/Pioneer Hall, Skate Park	• Irene Rifilato
• Community Center, Olinda Oil Museum & Trail, Olinda Ranch Park, Tamarack Park	• Gill Realon / Irene Rifalto
• Country Hills Park, Lagos de Moreno Park, Junior High Park, Wildcatters Park	• Craig Livingston
• Founders Park, Greenbriar Park, Woodcrest Park, Tracks at Brea Segments 1 to 3	• Eric Mason
• Sports Park, Wildcatters Dog Park, Tracks at Brea Segments 4 to 6	• Bill Higgins
• Birch Hills Golf Course, Brea Creek Golf Course	• Bill Higgins/Eric Mason



Parks, Recreation and Human Services Commission Communication

A. Information Memorandum

Meeting	Agenda Group
Wednesday, February 26, 2025, 5:30 PM	Information Memorandum Item: 10A.
FROM	
Carrie Hernandez, Director of Community Services	

RECOMMENDATION

Enclosed is the January 2025 PRHS Information Memorandum for the Commission's review.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Carrie Hernandez, Community Services Director

Concurrence: Sean L. Matlock, Deputy Director of Community Services

Attachments

[Info Memo Jan 2025.pdf](#)

I. GENERAL

Park Development Fund (Fund 250) Update

The Park Development Fund has a balance of \$350,354. There are currently no projects yielding park development funds anticipated.

Park Development - Fund 250				
<i>Item</i>	<i>Action</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Balance</i>
	Fund Balance	6/30/2024		\$ 350,354

Brea Golf Courses

The following information is collected from Western Golf, operator of both courses.

<i>Item</i>	<i>Birch Hills Golf Course</i>		<i>Brea Creek Golf Course</i>	
	<i>December</i>	<i>January</i>	<i>December</i>	<i>January</i>
Total Rounds	5,491	5,639	4,634	4,795
Total Bucket of Balls: Small	838	506	566	473
Total Bucket of Balls: Medium	1,090	1,038	411	503
Total Bucket of Balls: Large	740	939	554	573
Total Cart Rentals	3,819	3,951	2,189	2,128
Pay Your Age Rounds	126	102	20	146
Senior Rounds	443	492	2,222	2,218
Junior Rounds	250	216	361	368
Brea Rewards Renewals	128	105	26	28
Brea Rewards Members	56	54	17	25

Olinda Oil Museum and Trail

During open hours for the museum, visitors totaled 96, which was a steady month with weekend visitors from Orange County and the Inland Empire. There were two special groups tours during January—A home school group of 12 from the neighboring city of Placentia and a group of 20 from Hanno, Japan, one of the City of Brea's sister cities. The group from Hanno, Japan included students and delegates Japan, as well as City of Brea personnel and sister city volunteers.

The trail's popularity remains constant with it being a favorite for walkers and hikers in and around Brea. The weather remains a key factor in volume using the trail. The issue of Mountain and EV bike use of the trail causing progressive damage to both trail and off-trail areas is being evaluated by the City.

With the rainy season upon us, the water drainage run off issue is increasing with more potential damage to the historic buildings. Several critical areas have been identified. Museum staff have been addressing this problem by constructing temporary berms to divert rain run off until the city can develop a permanent fix in the future which is currently budgeted through the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) in 2026.

The site's historic landmark *Olinda Well # 1*, which was drilled in 1897, was shut down due to an oil company, Bridgeland Energy having a dispute with the CA Environmental Agency. The docents and City staff have explored various explored our various contacts without resolution.

We continue to review the docent recruitment process, and we are always looking for those interested in volunteering at the site. Thank you for all of our docents/volunteers who spend hours sharing their knowledge with our visitors!

Special Events

Sister City and Friendship City Visits from Anseong, Korea, Hanno Japan and Namyangyu, Korea

The City of Brea was excited to welcome both Anseong, Korea students as well as Hanno, Japan students in January. Anseong had 30 students and 3 chaperons and Hanno had 13 students and 4 chaperons. In February, we also got a visit from our Friendship City Namyangyu, Korea where 24 students and 5 chaperons visited. Each of the groups got to experience life in Brea and were able to connect with similarly aged students at Brea Olinda High School and Brea Junior High. City staff led the students through the Brea Museum, Olinda Oil Museum, Fire Stations, the Civic & Cultural Center, Curtis Theatre, Brea Gallery, Police Department, Brea Mall and various parks. Our Sister City and Friendship City visitors got to enjoy these tours on the Brea Trolley which is always a hit. It was a great time with each of the groups and we enjoy fostering the relationships that have developed over the years. We look forward to continuing the cultivation of unity among our Sister Cities and Friendship City.

Spring Craft Boutique

This will be the 25th annual City of Brea Spring Craft Boutique and a popular event for the community. The Spring Craft Boutique already has over 200 vendors approved who will be selling unique one-of-a-kind seasonal and year-round gifts, décor, art, jewelry, clothing, crafts, tasty goodies and so much more!



Pet Expo

We are so excited for the 6th annual Pet Expo on April 5th. The Pet Expo will feature over 100 vendors, highlighting pet products, learning opportunities and pet adoptions as well as demonstrations from Brea Police Department and Anaheim Police Department k-9 units. The community will be able to see a variety of K-9 techniques, including a drug sniffing drill, dog obedience and simulation bite. It will be a fun day for the community.



Go. Serve. Brea.

The City of Brea and Brea Special Events is proud to announce Go. Serve. Brea, which will replace the previous Love Brea event. Go. Serve. Brea. is a brand new, year-round, city-wide volunteer initiative that will include this community wide service day. This event will still bring a positive impact to our community and we are excited to partner with businesses, the faith community, non-profits, and individuals on sponsorships, in-kind donations, project submissions and day of volunteering.



II. COMMUNITY CENTER/RECREATION SERVICES

Operations/Facility Reservations/Contract Classes

This January, our Contract Class program brought a fantastic lineup of winter activities for all ages! Youth participants had a blast with Kartwheel-N-Kids Gymnastics, Horse Fun, and Art classes, fostering creativity

and movement. Meanwhile, adults embraced new hobbies and skills through engaging workshops like Candle Making, Intro to Golf, and Country Western Line Dancing.

Stay tuned for more exciting classes coming your way!

Our Facility Reservations Program continues to receive high demand for both indoor and outdoor events. In January alone, we proudly hosted a diverse array of celebrations and gatherings, including five birthday parties, two weddings, two memorial services, two baby showers, a kickoff event, and a Walimah.

Local businesses and non-profits such as Brea Chamber, CAHIP, TLARGI, Cravitz Financial, and Walters Wholesale Electric utilized our space for meetings, while church communities Saddleback Church, Renew Church, and Calvary Life Fellowship continued their Sunday services at the Brea Community Center, Civic & Cultural Center, and Brea Senior Center respectively.

We're honored to be the go-to venue for so many meaningful events!

Session One of Youth Basketball is Underway

The excitement is in full swing as Youth Basketball at the Community Center kicked off on January 18th! This first session, running every Saturday through March 1st, welcomes 160 young athletes, ages 4-8, many of whom are experiencing their very first team sport. As our largest youth program of the year, Youth Basketball continues to be an incredible introduction to sports, fostering teamwork, confidence, and fun.

Missed this session? Session Two begins on March 22nd—stay tuned for registration details!

Brea Fitness Center

Brea Fitness continues to increase in memberships. Adults, seniors, and teens all came together to play basketball, volleyball, “hit the weights”, or take a group exercise class. All ages and all levels blend together at Brea Fitness, creating a unique workout experience for the community. The Fit-Team continues to provide a fun, safe and clean environment for participants to achieve their healthy lifestyles and Make Fit Happen.

Brea Fitness Center	December	January 2025
Memberships	1103	1277
Insurance-Based Memberships	1217	1292
Total	2320	2569
Monthly Drop-Ins	714	784

Total Class Attendance:

Program	December 2024	Classes Per Week	January 2025
BodyPump	426	7	434
Barre	161	4	196
Cycle	313	5	223
Circuit Training	26	1	49
SilverSneakers	622	3	908
Super Sculpt	58	1	94
Functional Strength	38	1	65
TRX Strength & Conditioning	42	5	64
TRX Strong: All Levels	36	3	75
Yoga	476	8	328
Zumba	963	10	1553
Low Impact	131	3	181
Kickboxing	27	1	29
Kinstretch	37	2	22
Mat Pilates	102	2	214
Total	3342	58	4267

Personal Training & Massage Therapy Attendance:

Program	November 2024	December 2024	January 2025
Personal Training	94	83	74
Massage Therapy	20	14	40



Youth Programs

The After-School Program and Teen Zone programs have been busy since coming back from the holiday break. The kids jumped into Valentine's Cooking Club and art activities. The program is full in kindergarten through 6th grade but has some spots open in the Teen Zone. The programs have seen an average of 102 students daily over the past month.

The Tiny Tots part-time preschool-aged program started its Winter session in January. They celebrated the New Year and have now moved on to Valentine's preparations. They made special Valentines to mail home and learned all about mail carriers' jobs and how to mail something at the Post Office. They are all anxiously awaiting the special surprise envelopes to arrive for their families along with their Valentine's parties and exchanges. It is going to be a fun session overall with lots of holiday songs, crafts, stories, and enjoying the colder and wetter weather. The Winter session runs through March 21st. The Junior Class (2.5-3-year old) class is full, with a few spots still available in the Senior class (4-year old). Registration is currently open for Spring session with spaces still available.



Important Upcoming Dates:

March 21- Tiny Tots Winter session ends

March 2- 6th Grade Preview Dance 4-year-olds

March 31 – Spring Tiny Tots session begins

April 9 – Summer Day Camp registration starts @ 8am online for residents

April 14-18 Spring Break Day Camp

III. HUMAN SERVICES

Brea Resource Center

The Brea Resource Center's Counseling Program continues to provide affordable individual and family counseling to the community. The Counseling Program provides both in-person and telehealth sessions for

their clients. Our trainees consist of college students in their respective graduate programs attempting to complete their practicum hours to fulfill their graduation requirements.

Counseling Sessions	December	January
Number of Sessions	59	54
New Client Intakes	0	10
Total	59	64

Veteran Service Officers Ron Garcia and Gary Colletti continue to provide veteran services to our local veterans at the Brea Resource Center and Senior Center. Ron, who conducts one-on-one veteran services counseling at the Brea Resource Center, will often counsel his clients over the phone to ensure they are provided the resources and information that they need. Through their services, both Ron and Gary provide benefit claims counseling and referral assistance to our local heroes. For the month of January, our Veteran Service Officers assisted nine Veterans.

Community Health Initiative of Orange County (CHIOC) continued to provide free county services that include, Cal-Fresh, Medi-Cal, CalWORKs and General Relief. For the month of January, the representative assisted two clients.

For the month of December, HOPE Center received 52 calls regarding homeless concerns in Brea. The HOPE Center conducted 20 proactive engagement, this is where the dispatch team is providing services and building rapport with homeless clients. From these engagements four homeless clients were placed in a shelter.

Brea Senior Center

Senior Center Numbers (At-a-Glance)	December	January
Total Transportation Trips Provided	538	595
New Registered Visitors	9	26
Total Meals Served	1,522	1,767
Program Attendance	4,013	4,633
Senior Grocery Program	160	324

January Highlights:

“Keeping the Keys” Workshop with AAA

Over 60 seniors attended our “Keeping the Keys” Workshop this month designed to help keep senior drivers on the road for as long as safely possible. In partnership with AAA and the Brea Police Department, the free, hour-long workshop covered topics like how driving changes with age, how to safely adapt driving, how

medications may impact driving, and vehicle safety, comfort, and fit tips. After the workshop, Brea Police Department held a Q&A session and all attendees left with a resource packet and fun giveaways! Because of the high turnout, another session is set to be scheduled later this year.



New Year's Celebrations

The Senior Center hosted two New Year's Celebrations this month to sold out crowds! The first celebration commemorated the start of 2025 and had the seniors dressed to the nines while dancing away to entertainment by Tony O'Dell Rogers. The second honored the Lunar New Year holiday, marking the beginning of the year based on the lunar calendar, with an Asian-inspired menu and décor. Our diverse senior Asian population showcased their traditional celebratory garments with a fashion show and introductions of which Asian country each senior was from.

Case Management:

Home Delivered Meals	December	January
Number of Meal Clients	31	31
Total Deliveries	729	688
Total Meals Delivered	1,815	1,794
Number of Volunteers	30	30
Case Management Activity	December	January
Number of Active Clients	63	58
New Cases	2	2
Closed Cases	5	7

Upcoming Events			
February 22	9 am	Opening Day Brea Girls Softball	Tamarack Park
Feb. 7 – 23		Beautiful: The Carole King Musical	Curtis Theatre
March 1	8 am	Opening Day Brea Little League	Brea Sports Park
March 14	11:30 – 1 pm	St. Patrick's Day Lunch	Brea Senior Center
March 14 – 15	All Day	Spring Craft Boutique	Community Center
March 21	8 am – 12 pm	Well Fit Day	BCC
March 21	4 – 6 pm	Gallery Closing Reception	Gallery
April 5	All Day	Pet Expo	Community Center
April 5	TBA	Amplify Series - Did You Do Your Homework?	Curtis Theatre
April 18	11:30 – 1 pm	Easter / Volunteer Lunch	Brea Senior Center
April 26	8 am – 2 pm	GO SERVE BREA	Civic Center/Citywide
April 26	TBA	Opening Reception 40th Made in California	Gallery

DATE: February 13, 2025

TO: Parks, Recreation, and Human Services Commission

FROM: Edgar Esparza, Parks Supervisor

SUBJECT: Park Update, January 2025

Sports Park

Over seed all fields during winter closure, clean monument signs and perform routine maintenance throughout park.

Arovista Park

Over seed fields during winter closure, clean monument sign and perform routine maintenance throughout park.

Tamarack Park

Added brick dust to fields, set new base pegs for softball fields, paint work in dug outs, clean monument sign and perform routine maintenance throughout park.

Jr. High Park

Repaired softball field lip, added grass seed to lip, clean monument sign and perform routine maintenance throughout park.

Country Hills Park

Repaired slope erosion, replaced restroom light bulbs, clean monument sign and perform routine maintenance throughout park.

City Hall Park

Repaired tree root tripping hazards throughout park by adding soil, clean monument signs and perform routine maintenance throughout park.

Greenbriar Park

Repair irrigation controller, clean monument sign and perform routine maintenance throughout park.

Woodcrest Park

Clean monument sign, trim shrubs and perform routine maintenance throughout park.

Olinda Ranch Park

Pressure wash gazebos, clean monument sign and perform routine maintenance throughout park.

Olinda Ranch Oil Museum and Trail

Installed new drinking fountain, perform routine maintenance throughout park and trail.

Founders Park

Retrofitted east tennis court lights to LED and perform routine maintenance throughout park.

Wildcatters Park

Treated for gopher infestation, Fertilized turf, added brick dust to Baseball field, clean monument signs and perform routine maintenance throughout park.

Lagos De Moreno Park

Clean monument sign and perform routine maintenance throughout park.

Dog Parks

Power broom artificial turf, repair Decomposed Granite, pressure wash hardscape, clean drinking fountain, clean monument sign and performed routine maintenance throughout parks.

Tracks

Level ruts in DG trail, cleaned drinking fountain and perform routine maintenance throughout Tracks.

**Routine maintenance may include one or more of these tasks at each site: trash removal, restroom cleaning, mowing, edging, weeding, trimming, irrigation repairs, playground checks and repairs, ball field dragging, and court cleaning.