

CITY OF IRWINDALE

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**NOTICE AND AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
April 1, 2026**

**6:00 PM
IRWINDALE CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**DAN DIAZ RECREATION CENTER
16053 Calle de Paseo
Irwindale, CA 91706**

**IRWINDALE AQUATICS CENTER
5050 N. Irwindale Avenue
Irwindale, CA 91706**

PAULA FRAIJO - Chair

CARMEN ROMAN - Vice Chair

MARGIE CALDERA - Commissioner

EVA MICHEL - Commissioner

NATHAN ROMERO - Commissioner

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Code of Ethics

As City of Irwindale Parks & Recreation Commissioners, our fundamental duty is to serve the public good. We are committed to the principle of an efficient and professional local government. We will be exemplary in obeying the letter and spirit of Local, State and Federal laws and City policies affecting the operation of the government and in our private life. We will be independent and impartial in our judgment and actions.

We will work for the common good of the City of Irwindale community and not for any private or personal interest. We will endeavor to treat all people with respect and civility. We will commit to observe the highest standards of morality and integrity, and to faithfully discharge the duties of our office regardless of personal consideration. We shall refrain from abusive conduct, personal charges or verbal attacks upon the character or motives of others.

We will inform ourselves on public issues, listen attentively to public discussions before the body, and focus on the business at hand. We will base our decisions on the merit and substance of that business. We will be fair and equitable in all actions, claims or transactions. We shall not use our official position to influence government decisions in which we have a financial interest or where we have a personal relationship that could present a conflict of interest, or create a perception of a conflict of interest.

We shall not take advantage of services or opportunities for personal gain by virtue of our public office that are not available to the public in general. We shall refrain from accepting gifts, favors or promises of future benefit that might compromise our independence of judgment or action or give the appearance of being compromised.

We will behave in a manner that does not bring discredit or embarrassment to the City of Irwindale. We will be honest in thought and deed in both our personal and official lives.

Ultimate responsibility for complying with this Code of Ethics rests with the individual elected and appointed official. In addition to any other penalty as provided by law, violation of this Code of Ethics may be used as a basis for disciplinary action or censure of a Council Member and/or Commissioner.

These things we hereby pledge to do in the interest and purposes for which our government has been established.

IRWINDALE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION



REGULAR MEETING - 6:00 P.M.**1. CALL TO ORDER****2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****3. INVOCATION****4. ROLL CALL** Commissioners: Margie Caldera, Eva Michel, Nathan Romero, Vice Chair Carmen Roman, Chair Paula Fraijo**5. AB 2449 DISCLOSURES**

Remote participation by a member of the legislative body for just cause or emergency circumstances

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar contains matters of routine business and is to be approved with one motion unless a member of the Parks & Recreation Commission requests separate action on a specific item. At this time, members of the audience may ask to be heard regarding items on the Consent Calendar.

A. Minutes of the Meeting Held March 4, 2026

Department: City Clerk

Recommendation: Approve

B. Aquatics Supervisor Update

Department: Public Services

Recommendation: Receive and file the Aquatics Supervisor Update.

C. Public Works Supervisor Update

Department: Public Services

Recommendation: Receive and file the Public Works Supervisor Update

D. Recreation Manager Update

Department: Public Services

Recommendation: Receive and file the Recreation Manager Update.

E. Tentative Summer Schedule for the Aquatics Center

Department: Public Services

Recommendation: Receive and file the tentative Summer Schedule for the Aquatics Center.

F. America250 Update

Department: Public Services

Recommendation: Receive and file the America250 update

G. Update on Tentatively Approved Irwindale Community Foundation Donations

Department: Public Services

Recommendation: Receive and file the update on the tentatively approved Irwindale Community Foundation donations for Fiscal Year 2026/2027.

7. SPONTANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

This is the time set aside for members of the audience to speak on any item not on this agenda that is within the Commission's subject matter jurisdiction. The Parks & Recreation Commission is an advisory body appointed by the City Council that reviews and provides recommendations on matters related to parks and community recreation within the City. Except for very limited circumstances, state law prohibits any Commission discussion or action on items that are not on the agenda.

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Each speaker will be limited to 3 minutes unless such time limits are extended. If a member of the public wishes to donate their time to another speaker, both persons must be physically present and in attendance of the meeting. The Presiding Officer may, in his or her discretion, extend the 3-minute time limitation for the particular subject for all speakers. In no event shall the total amount of speaking time exceed 6 minutes per person for the subject under discussion. Organized groups of persons wishing to address the Board on the same subject should select a spokesperson to represent the group so as to avoid unnecessary repetition.

The Commission may regulate a speaker who is speaking too long or out of order, being unduly repetitious, discussing irrelevancies, or extending to items not within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. Please be reminded that discrimination, abusive use of profanity, unruly disruption, and violent or physically threatening conduct is discouraged. Members of the public shall not disrupt the orderly conduct of the meeting. The Presiding Officer will request that a person cease any disruptive conduct, and if not immediately stopped, will direct the person to be removed from the meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS

At this time, members of the audience may ask to be heard regarding an item on New Business.

A. Walkthrough of the Dan Diaz Recreation Center and Irwindale Aquatics Center

Department: Public Services

Recommendation: Conduct a walkthrough of the Dan Diaz Recreation Center and Irwindale Aquatics Center to prepare for the summer.

9. PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR UPDATE

A. Public Services Director Update

10. REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS BY COMMISSION

If a Commissioner is interested in a task or project, the Commissioner shall request that the item be agendized in this section.

11. ADJOURN

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

I, Armando Hegdahl, Management Analyst, certify that I caused the agenda for the regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission, to be held on April 1, 2026, be posted at the City Hall, Library, and Post Office on **March 26, 2026**.



Armando Hegdahl, CMC
Management Analyst

The Irwindale **PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION** met in regular session at the above time and place.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners Margie Caldera, Eva Michel, Nathan Romero;
Vice Chair Carmen Roman; Chair Paula Fraijo

Also present: Elizabeth Rodriguez, Public Services Director; Delfina Osterheim, Recreation Supervisor; Pablo Gamez, Maintenance Lead Worker; Daniel Grijalva, Aquatics Supervisor; and Armando Hegdahl, Management Analyst

AB 2449 DISCLOSURES

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Chair Fraijo, seconded by Vice Chair Roman, to approve the Consent Calendar, except for Item Nos. 6C and 6D, which were removed for separate consideration. The motion was unanimously approved.

ITEM NO. 6A

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 4, 2026

The minutes of the meeting held February 4, 2026, were approved as presented.

ITEM NO. 6B

AQUATICS SUPERVISOR UPDATE

The Aquatics Supervisor Update was received and filed.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

ITEM NO. 6C

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR UPDATE

Chair Fraijo noted that the lawn at the park needs to be trimmed, to which Director Rodriguez noted that staff regularly trims it, though it has not been mowed recently since staff focused on maintaining the Memorial Garden. She also noted the need to maintain all other city parks and indicated that other higher-priority projects would sometimes take staff away from their regular duties.

Chair Fraijo asked Director Rodriguez whether the department is adequately staffed, to which Director Rodriguez indicated that she plans on requesting Council approval for a new janitor position to assist existing staff at the various City facilities.

Chair Fraijo then asked whether the Game Room at the Dan Diaz Recreation Center was damaged due to a roof leak, to which Director Rodriguez advised that it was not. However, she

also noted that the roof contractor has a 30-year warranty on the roof and would conduct any needed repairs within that timeframe.

Chair Fraijo also asked about the non-functioning electrical outlets near the pool, to which Supervisor Grijalva advised that staff is looking into their repairs, though he also noted that upcoming programs will still open even if the outlets are not repaired on time.

Vice Chair Roman suggested that Director Rodriguez request two part-time janitors in addition to the new full-time janitor.

Commissioner Caldera asked about hiring per-diem workers, or potentially utilizing help from Summer Youth Workers, to which Director Rodriguez advised that it is difficult to convince the Council to approve new positions and that Summer Youth Workers do not typically want to work in the maintenance division.

Commissioner Michel asked whether the light poles at Jardin de Roca Park have been repaired to which Director Rodriguez advised that they have not been repaired yet and noted that staff must seek an outside vendor for the needed materials.

A motion was made by Chair Fraijo, seconded by Commissioner Caldera, to receive and file the Public Works Supervisor Update. The motion was unanimously approved.

ITEM NO. 6D
RECREATION MANAGER UPDATE

Chair Fraijo asked about the recent Tots trip, to which Director Rodriguez advised that tickets were sold out in about an hour, and that they were all purchased by residents.

Vice Chair Roman stated that she attended with her family and that parents concerned about noise levels could decide whether they should take their small children. She suggested increasing the number of tickets purchased from 22 to 50.

Chair Fraijo asked whether information on how to volunteer in the Kindness Krew program had been disseminated to the public, to which Supervisor Osterheim indicated that a flyer with additional details will be included in the next citywide mailer.

Director Rodriguez noted that two Recreation Aides who wished to restart the program purchased and provided roses to the seniors on Valentines Day Dance out of the kindness of their own hearts, though the program itself has not begun yet.

Chair Fraijo expressed her hope that the Kindness Krew and the Teen Club members would collaborate on various programs. Chair Fraijo also asked whether the Tiny Tots program would run as scheduled on March 31, to which Director Rodriguez confirmed that it will be open late that day.

A motion was made by Chair Fraijo, seconded by Vice Chair Roman, to receive and file the Recreation Manager Update. The motion was unanimously approved.

SPONTANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Pat Gonzales asked about signups for upcoming programs and stated that the crowd-dividing curtain at the Recreation Center is working very well. She also expressed her optimism in future Recreational events.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM NO. 8A

FORMER IRWINDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY DESIGNATED USE

Director Rodriguez presented the staff report.

Vice Chair Roman asked for the maximum occupancy for the new area, to which Director Rodriguez advised that the exact number is not yet known. Once she meets with Engineering and Building & Safety staff and determines the occupancy number, the information will be passed along to the Commission

Commissioner Romero asked where parents could check in/out their children, to which Director Rodriguez advised that they would be able to enter at the front and would be able to use the current Library's parking area.

As requested by Commissioner Caldera, Director Rodriguez spoke about how the existing Recreation Center rooms are utilized by children of the various age groups as well as the staff members assigned to the groups. She added that staff might also take groups of children to the new Library once it is completed.

Chair Fraijo expressed her excitement for when the Dan Diaz Recreation Center ("DDRC") is fully refurbished.

Commissioner Caldera asked whether all Recreation staff members are provided keys to enter the DDRC, to which Director Rodriguez indicated that some doors at the facility are "exit only" and as such, do not allow for keyed entry.

ITEM NO. 8B

INFORMATION & RULES FOR IRWINDALE RECREATION PROGRAMS AND CITY'S BUS TRANSPORTATION

Director Rodriguez presented the report.

Chair Fraijo stated that this item was placed on the agenda due to a bullying incident that occurred at the DDRC late last year, which was then referenced at a Commission meeting. She stated that it is important for participants of City recreation programs to be continuously reminded about the negative effects of bullying.

Commissioner Romero stated that the bullying incident was referenced at the recent Commission meeting to bring awareness to these types of incidents and to further discuss and provide

feedback and reflection, and to inform the community of guardrails to prevent these situations from reoccurring.

Responding to a question from Commissioner Michel, Director Rodriguez advised that bullying incidents such as the one that occurred recently would not likely be handled by the City's Human Resources team. Rather, Recreation staff would discipline the instigator per adopted City policies and procedures. Director Rodriguez added that such policies are reviewed periodically to ensure that they are updated as needed.

Commissioner Caldera asked about disciplinary procedures for the cheer program, which Director Rodriguez advised that this program carries similar disciplinary procedures as the KidZone program. Director Rodriguez also briefly elaborated on procedures when bullying incidents are brought to the attention of staff.

Pat Gonzales stated that commissioners do not have the authority to receive details about bullying incidents that occur at the DDRC, unless they are the parents of the children involved, to which Chair Fraijo responded by indicating that the Commission reviews recreation program policies to ensure that youth and patrons are protected, and stated that the Commission respects the privacy of all individuals.

Commissioner Romero stated that no names were shared when the incident was addressed by the commission recently. He added that the topic was briefly mentioned to ensure adequate guardrails to prevent such situations from reoccurring.

Dena Zepeda stated that additional staff is needed in recreation programs such as Cheer.

ITEM NO. 8C
IRWINDALE RECREATION UPDATED WAIVER

Director Rodriguez presented the staff report.

Vice Chair Roman asked about supervisory staffing levels during afternoons/evenings, to which Supervisor Osterheim advised that there is a staffer in the front lobby, another at the weight room, and that she is also present. Vice Chair Roman also complained about individuals playing loud music at the DDRC, to which Supervisor Osterheim suggested that such complaints be referred to staff at the time of the incident so that they could address them.

Dena Zepeda stated that supervisors should be able to hear the loud music from their offices and should address the issue before anybody makes a complaint.

Suzanne Gomez suggested that supervisors walk around the area occasionally to ensure that all is proceeding according to facility policy. She also requested that the vents at the weight room and the balcony be cleaned.

Responding to a question from Commissioner Michel, Director Rodriguez stated that staff would look into placing signage at the facility to remind patrons to keep music at appropriate levels.

ITEM NO. 8D
IRWINDALE RECREATION CARDIO ROOM UPDATE

Director Rodriguez presented the report.

Vice Chair Roman asked whether patrons need to check the remote control in and out, to which Director Rodriguez stated that staff would look into the suggestion.

Commissioner Romero suggested that staff place updated reading materials in the room.

Commissioner Caldera suggested that step-by-step guides be provided for the use of the equipment. She also requested that soap be provided and that the counters be cleared so that patrons could place their items there, to which Director Rodriguez stated that staff will see whether the Cheer items could be moved from the counters to the lockers. Staff would also look through cabinets to see if the pickleball items can be stored there.

Responding to a request by Commissioner Michel, Supervisor Osterheim advised that staff are available to assist patrons with the proper use of the exercise equipment.

Chair Fraijo suggested that detailed notices and instructions on the proper use of the machines be placed on the wall.

Dena Zepeda thanked staff for repairing the malfunctioning equipment.

Chair Fraijo suggested that staff be present when purchasing exercise equipment so that the salesperson could show them how to use it properly.

ITEM NO. 8E
AMERICA 250 IDEAS

Director Rodriguez presented the report and made a PowerPoint presentation.

Chair Fraijo spoke in favor of Tier 1 as shown in the PowerPoint presentation and suggested offering small promotional items at the event, such as pens, and not overpriced sweatshirts. She suggested including smaller ticket activities that could be covered by existing staffing levels.

Vice Chair Roman spoke against including carnival rides, axe throwing, archery, and doll making. She also suggested that patrons be provided with a website where they can order their own promotional items, such as shirts, if they so wish. She requested that pins or patches be made available, and that artwork be displayed. She also requested offering cupcakes and cookies, including an obstacle course, and that the lights at the fountain be illuminated red, white, and blue, to which Director Rodriguez advised that the lights could only include one color.

Commissioner Romero also spoke in favor of Tier 1 items, including things such as an inflatable zone and picnic enhancements. He opposed carnival rides but suggested potentially having passport stations where individuals could have their passports stamped at various stations, and those that gather all available stamps could be awarded a prize or candy.

Commissioner Michel suggested displaying Irwindale history highlights.

Commissioner Caldera spoke in favor of 1) displaying posters with country and city highlights, 2) inflatables, 3) coins, 4) offering a website where interested individuals could purchase promotional items, 5) offering a passport book, 6) offering a coloring table for children, 7) holding house decorating contests, and 8) offering promotional shirts.

Chair Fraijo requested that all the art that is submitted be displayed. She also suggested that: 1) coloring stations or crafts that commemorate the event be covered, 2) a timeline of how the U.S. became a country and how Irwindale became a City be showcased, and 3) that members of the community be invited to participate by decorating their houses or creating an art project. She also spoke in favor of offering a promotional pin or coin.

Dena Zepeda spoke of her eagerness to celebrate on the 4th of July.

Chair Fraijo suggested that a color guard lead the Pledge of Allegiance to start the program.

Vice Chair Roman suggested holding an Irwindale military booth where the Veterans' Day program book could be displayed.

Responding to a request by Commissioner Caldera, Director Rodriguez stated that staff would need to check with the City Manager's Office to discuss the feasibility of displaying photos of current military service members at the top of street light fixtures.

Commissioner Michel suggested displaying photos of current veterans at one of the booths.

Director Rodriguez asked for volunteers to help man the booths, to which Suzanne Gomez expressed her willingness to volunteer. She also requested a cakewalk, and potentially painting rocks red, white, and blue, and that a schedule of events be included.

Chair Fraijo asked for an event program so that it could be reviewed at next month's meeting.

ITEM NO. 8F

COMMUNITY HOLIDAY STREET DECORATION RECOGNITION PROGRAM DISCUSSION

Director Rodriguez presented the report and made a PowerPoint presentation.

Chair Fraijo suggested that volunteers be permitted to assist in these types of functions, to which Director Rodriguez stated that staff would appreciate individuals that offer to volunteer.

Vice Chair Roman expressed support for the presentation's option A for the judging structure.

Commissioner Michel asked how city residents would be informed about the possibility of volunteering and asked whether volunteers could be offered items such as shirts or pins as incentives, to which Director Rodriguez stated that flyers are sent to the community informing them that the city is seeking volunteers. She also advised that a budget would need to be set up to provide incentives for volunteers.

Commissioner Caldera suggested a “buddy system” for volunteers and expressed her preference for the presentation’s Option B for the judging structure.

Chair Fraijo expressed her opinion that having a house decorating competition would take away from the spirit of the holiday but would be fine with the activity if it were ultimately approved.

Responding to a comment by Dena Zepeda, Director Rodriguez encouraged the Commission to continue coming up with ideas for events/activities/programs, though she suggested that the ideas be prioritized so that the priority ideas could be programmed.

At 9:01 p.m., the Commission took a short recess.

At 9:05 p.m., the Commission reconvened in open session with all members present.

PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR UPDATE

Director Rodriguez presented the report.

Chair Fraijo asked clarifying questions regarding the Dan Diaz Recreation Center Improvement Project and the costs of hiring a consultant to prepare plans and specifications for the project.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND FUTURE DISCUSSION REQUESTS

Chair Fraijo requested that a description of the Kindness Krew and their plans be discussed at a future meeting and requested an update on the plans for the Red, White, and You 2026 event.

Dena Zepeda suggested that the commissioners be recognized at future recreation events.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Armando Hegdahl, CMC
Management Analyst

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AGENDA REPORT

Date: April 1, 2026
To: Honorable Chair and Members of the Parks & Recreation Commission
From: Elizabeth Rodriguez, Public Services Director
Issue: Aquatics Supervisor Update

Public Services Director's Recommendation:

Receive and file the Aquatics Supervisor Update.

Administrative Action:

Submitted by:

Elizabeth Rodriguez, Public Services Director

Prepared by:

Daniel M. Grijalva, Aquatics Supervisor

Background and Analysis:

March 2026 Highlights:

Recruitment:

Recruitment for the Assistant Pool Manager, Senior Lifeguard and Lifeguards closed on Sunday, February 22. Interviews took place on Tuesday, March 17. We are happy to announce five (5) newly onboarded lifeguards, one (1) Assistant Pool Manager, and one (1) Senior Lifeguard. The Assistant Pool Manager and Senior Lifeguard are promotions for current staff.

TRAINING:

Staff had the pleasure of attending the CPRS Connections conference March 10 – March 13, 2026. Alongside other department staff members, we all took in the many educational and career advancement sessions that were provided all week long. There were many great sessions attended by Aquatics staff members that covered a wide variety of important vital topics, such as Building Psychological Safety and the Keys to Team success; Showcasing Your Culture to Recruit Staff and Engage Your Community; The Power of Positive Leadership: Using Coaching Skills for High Impact Results; Data Collection What's the Point; A Dog, A Mouse and Hunting for Unicorns (probably one of the best!!); The Privilege of Privilege; and Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, just to name a few.

Staff are greatly appreciative of these learning opportunities, which benefit not only us as individuals, but they also benefit our part-time staff and community as well. As a result, we are very thankful to be provided with this wonderful learning experience.

Spring Season — The Aquatics Center is now open for Spring! The spring schedule of operations is now full-fledged and open Monday — Thursday from 2pm to 7:30pm. Please stop by the Aquatics Center and see if there is a class or program that fits your schedule.

Dive-in Movie equipment update:

Ireland Sound Systems, the contractor in charge of the installation of the new sound system at the Aquatics Center that will be utilized for the Dive-in Movie events, daily operations and special events, has been busy at work the whole month of March. The completed program installation and training for staff on the new software is set to take place in the next few weeks. The screen and projector are set to be installed well before that first Dive-in Movie, which takes place on Friday, June 12.

Announcements and News:

The Aquatics Center's new picnic benches and tables were delivered to the City Yard the week of March 27. Soon the old ones will be removed, and the new tables and umbrellas will be installed well before the 2026 Summer Season. Staff are looking forward to the improved look and feel of the Shark Shack area. We hope the community will enjoy these new picnic benches and tables for years to come.

Save the Dates:

Aquatics Expo: Saturday, May 9, 2026, 1pm-4pm.

Summer Season Kicks Off: Friday, June 5, 2026.

Attachments:

None

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Date: April 1, 2026

To: Honorable Chair and Members of the Parks & Recreation Commission

From: Elizabeth Rodriguez, Public Services Director

Issue: Public Works Supervisor Update

Public Services Director's Recommendation:

Receive and file the Public Works Supervisor Update

Administrative Action:

Submitted by:

Elizabeth Rodriguez, Public Services Director

Prepared by:

Pedro Rodriguez, Public Works Supervisor

Background and Analysis:

Park Maintenance & Seasonal Preparation

In anticipation of the upcoming Easter Eggstravaganza, staff is focused on intensive routine maintenance throughout all city parks to ensure they are in peak condition for the community.

- **Irwindale Park:** Beautification of the Memorial Garden is underway, with staff infilling vacant spots with new plants.
 - New shrubs are being planted around the Aquatics Center planters to enhance the perimeter landscaping.
- **Jardin de Roca Park:** Crews continue to perform routine maintenance and safety checks across the grounds.

Facility Maintenance

Routine inspections and minor repairs remain a priority to ensure the longevity and safety of city buildings.

- **Dan Diaz Recreation Center:** Replaced various damaged ceiling tiles to maintain a clean and professional appearance.
- **Aquatics Center:** Successfully repaired and secured several wall outlet receptacles.
 - Landscaping staff is currently planting shrubs in the surrounding planters.

Staff Training & Professional Development

On March 18, 2026, staff attended a specialized technical training session focused on infrastructure maintenance and safety compliance. Key areas covered included:

1. **Graco:** Airless spray systems and application techniques.
2. **Roadmax Products:** Advanced paint presentation for city markings.
3. **National Barricade:** Crucial MUTCD (Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices) updates and digital resource links.
4. **GTS International:** Hands-on demonstration of modern concrete repair methods.
5. **American Water Works:** Hands-on demonstration of industrial waterblasting equipment.

These training sessions ensure our team remains current on safety regulations and the most efficient maintenance technologies available.

The Park Maintenance Lead and I attended this year's CONNECTIONS 2026 CPRS CONFERENCE & EXPO. We started our conference with a full day of the Parks Make Life Better Tour, which took us to El Dorado Nature Center as we explored the outdoors of a 105-acre sanctuary with animals, plant life and two miles of dirt trails. We also completed a small tour on the Queen Mary in Long Beach, which is a city-owned vessel, and learned how they preserve the ship in the ocean. Our last tour was to MacArthur Park, which is a Cultural Center with artistic and cultural programs – as well as a community center, playground, a picnic area, basketball/volleyball courts, sports fields, and open space that was built with PROP 68 funds.

The opening guest speakers each day were great this year. Finally, we attended the following sessions, which provided us with in-depth information on leadership, partnerships, and how to better serve the community:

- Day (2) General Session: The Leadership Adventure: Blazing Trails & Building Legacies, Parks Where You Least Expect Them: Partnerships Revitalizing Vacant Spaces, Neurodivergent Operational Awareness: How to better serve those with Special Needs.
- Day (3) Who Let the Bids Out? Understanding CIP Without Losing Your Mind, Contracts That Work, Parks and Landscapes That Thrive.
- Day (4) Build a Workplace Culture That Says "You Matter!", Paint The Parks: Enhancing Parks Through Art & Community.

Acknowledgments:

Thank you to all of the divisions for their hard work after this past windstorm event.

Attachments:

None

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Date: April 1, 2026
To: Honorable Chair and Members of the Parks & Recreation Commission
From: Elizabeth Rodriguez, Public Services Director
Issue: Recreation Manager Update

Public Services Director's Recommendation:

Receive and file the Recreation Manager Update.

Administrative Action:

Submitted by:

Elizabeth Rodriguez, Public Services Director

Prepared by:

Priscilla Zepeda, Recreation Manager

Background and Analysis:

March Highlights

- **March 7:** RockAbilities Resource Fair was held inside the Dan Diaz Recreation Center. Despite the windy conditions, all the scheduled vendors attended and there was a steady flow of participants.
- **March 8:** Irwindale Cheer won 1st Place at the State Championships held at Knott's Berry Farm. Great job to all our program participants and coaches.

Announcement/News:

Tots Program: Irwindale Tiny Tots enjoyed a morning with The Little Zoo. Bunnies, lizards and more were available for them to see up close, pet and hold. Petting Zoos are vital for tots because they offer hands-on sensory-rich learning that boosts emotional development, language skills and empathy. Students have the opportunity to learn compassion, patience and respect for other living creatures.

Kindness Krew: Kindness Krew update: The registration flyer is now available for anyone interested in joining the Kindness Krew. Pending participant registration, the club will meet to set goals, schedule events and work on a collaborative partnership with the Irwindale Teen Club.

NFL Game: At the request of the Parks and Recreation Commission at the regularly scheduled meeting

held on March 4, 2026, staff researched options for higher-priced tickets at SoFi Stadium for the family trip to the NFL game. Tickets for group sales are only available at the top of the stadium. Availability for all other areas is restricted to general admission and season ticket holders (this includes the area where the elevator stops).

Sensory Kits: During the week of March 23rd, staff met with a representative from every department with Front Desk counters to distribute Sensory Kits for public use. These kits will provide an opportunity for staff to assist patrons with managing sensory overload, reduce stress and improve comfort. They foster an inclusive environment, enhancing the customer experience and demonstrating the City of Irwindale's commitment to accessibility and accommodating visitors of all abilities. There has been tremendous success in Kidzone, on trips and with City staff, in utilizing the tools provided. Recreation staff is honored to coordinate this amenity on the City's behalf.

Conference: California Parks and Recreation (CPRS) Connections Conference was held the week of March 10 – March 13, 2026, in the city of Long Beach. Staff had the opportunity to connect with other agencies across the state to share ideas and best practices. Sessions were offered on a variety of topics and areas of expertise. We are grateful for the opportunity to attend the Connections Conference, enabling staff to bring back the best of themselves, pass knowledge and information on to other members of the Recreation Team, bring back the best programs, activities and ideas that have proven successful across the state. We are grateful for the opportunity. The following list is a sample of the sessions attended:

How to Get Full-Time Engagement from your Part-Time Employees, Leading Yourself and Others, Focus on the Truly Meaningful, Political Playbook, Learning through Leadership, Bringing Back Recreational Youth Sports in Municipalities, Resilience at Work, Leveling up through Hard Conversations and Bold Decisions, Neurodivergent Operational Awareness Training, Adventure Playgrounds; The Importance of Risky Play, Recreation Therapy, Less Fear, More Fun: How Psychological Safety boosts Teamwork and Well Being, Disability Inclusion, Rec Ready: The critical role of Recreation in an Emergency, Teens helping Seniors: Intergenerational Volunteer model, Volunteerism as a Community Engagement tool.

Save the Dates:

- **April 1:** Teeny Tots Easter Egg Hunt
- **April 2:** Tiny Tots Easter Egg Hunt
- **April 4:** Easter Eggstravaganza/Every Bunny Hunt at Irwindale Park
- **April 7:** Day Camp Trip: AMC Covina
- **April 8:** RockAbilities Petting Zoo
- **April 9:** Day Camp Trip: Bullwinkles
- **April 10:** Teen Trip: Magic Mountain
- **April 11:** Tots Family Trip: Adventure City
- **April 19:** RockAbilities Family Trip: Urban Air
- **April 25:** Family Trip to Renaissance Pleasure Faire

Attachments:

None

City of
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AGENDA REPORT

Date: April 1, 2026

To: Honorable Chair and Members of the Parks & Recreation Commission

From: Elizabeth Rodriguez, Public Services Director

Issue: Tentative Summer Schedule for the Aquatics Center

Public Services Director's Recommendation:

Receive and file the tentative Summer Schedule for the Aquatics Center.

Administrative Action:

Submitted by:

Elizabeth Rodriguez, Public Services Director

Prepared by:

Daniel M. Grijalva, Aquatics Supervisor

Background and Analysis:

Aquatics Summer 2026 Tentative Schedule

Dive into a summer full of fun and excitement at the Irwindale Aquatics Center! Our Summer 2026 season is packed with activities for swimmers of all ages and skill levels. Our certified swim instructors offer group swim lessons for both children and adults. Whether you're just learning to swim or looking to improve your technique, there's a class designed just for you. Night recreation swim is back! Join us Monday through Friday from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM for a relaxing evening in the pool. It's the perfect way for families to unwind and enjoy quality time together. Check out our full Summer 2026 schedule of events below—we can't wait to see you at the pool!

RECREATIONAL SUMMER SWIM HOURS:

Recreational swimming will begin on Friday, June 5, 2026, and conclude on Sunday, August 16, 2026. Below is the summer recreational swim schedule:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday: 12:00pm - 4:00pm

Monday through Friday: 6:00pm - 9:00pm

SENIOR SWIM LESSONS:

The full summer aquatics schedule is back and better than ever, with a few exciting new additions—including our newly requested **Senior Swim Lessons!**

Senior Swim Lessons will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the Senior Splash / Aqua Walk session from 1:00pm – 4:00pm.

Each lesson will be:

- 30 minutes long
- Structured into two 4-week sessions
- A total of 8 classes per session

First Session: June 16 – July 9

Resident registration is scheduled from June 1 through June 14.

Non-resident registration is from June 8 through June 14.

Second Session: July 14 – August 6

Resident registration is from June 29 through July 12.

Non-resident registration from July 6 through July 12.

SWIM LESSONS:

Swim Lessons will continue to have three, two-week-long sessions with the first session beginning on June 15. Information on registration dates and sessions is as follows:

First session: June 15 – June 26

Resident registration is from June 1 through June 14.

Non-Resident registration is from June 8 through June 14.

Second session: July 6 – July 17

Resident registration is from June 22 through July 4.

Non-Resident registration is from June 29 through July 4.

Third session: July 27 – August 7

Resident registration is from July 13 through July 26.

Non-Resident registration is from July 20 through July 26.

AQUAFITNESS:

This course is offered by Mt. San Antonio College in partnership with the Irwindale Aquatics Center.

Participants must be 18 years or older. The course is designed to improve strength, flexibility, and endurance through aquatic resistance training.

Class Details:

Dates: June 22 - August 13, 2026

Schedule: Monday through Thursday

Time: 4:30pm - 5:20pm

Cost: Free

Registration Information:

- Opens: May 6, 2026 (online)
- Mt. SAC staff will also be **on-site at the Irwindale Senior Center, Thursday, May 14, from 10am to 12pm** to assist with registration.
- Registration is **open to the entire community** in accordance with Mt. SAC's open-to-public policy.

AQUA STAND UP:

Aqua Stand Up (Paddle Board Yoga) will return for summer beginning on Saturday, June 13 and run until Sunday, August 16. It will be offered as two 5-week sessions. Classes will be offered on Saturday and Sunday mornings at 8:00am and 9:00am. The first session will be offered from June 13 through July 12, and the second session will be offered from July 18 through August 16.

MINDFUL WATERS:

Come join us for this No Swimming, No Splashing, No Talking (highly encouraged), self-guided meditation session. Participants will have the option to meditate freestanding or floating in the shallow end of the pool. Sessions take place every Tuesday from 12pm to 1pm from June 9 through August 11.

AQUABILITIES:

Aquabilities is a program open to all our friends with disabilities. All friends must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older. Members of the same household will be allowed to join in on the Fun! It takes place on Thursdays from 12pm to 1pm starting June 11 through August 13.

WATER POLO AND VOLLEYBALL CLINIC:

Water Polo and Volleyball will be offered as a 4-week clinic, starting with Water Polo every Friday from June 19 through July 10. No class for the week of July 17 due to the Senior Center Luau event hosted at the Aquatics Center. Volleyball will follow from July 24 through August 14.

PARENT AND ME CLASS:

Parent and Me Classes will start on Saturday, June 13 and run until Sunday, August 16. This class will be offered as two 5-week sessions with the first session offered from Saturday, June 13 through Sunday, July 12 and the second session offered from Saturday, July 18 through Sunday, August 16.

AQUATICS SPECIAL EVENTS 2026:

***AQUATICS CENTER EXPO:** Saturday, May 9, from 11:00am – 2:00pm.

***COMMUNITY SERVICES EXPO:** Thursday, July 2, (During Music in the Park) from 6:00pm – 8:00pm.

***RED, WHITE & YOU BBQ:** Saturday, June 27, from 4:00pm – 9:00pm. Irwindale Aquatics will be open from 12:00pm – 4:00pm.

***4th of JULY RECREATIONAL SWIM:** Saturday, July 4, from 11:00am – 3:00pm.

***SENIOR CENTER LUAU** (hosted at the Aquatics Center): Friday, July 17, from 6:00pm – 9:00pm.

***FAMILY LUAU:** July 25, from 1:00pm – 5:00pm.

***END OF SUMMER COMMUNITY LUAU: 16 & OLDER LUAU:** August 1, from 6pm – 9pm.

NIGHTS AT THE DIVE IN:

Friday, June 12, 2026, from 7:00pm to 10:00pm

Friday, June 26, 2026, from 7:00pm to 10:00pm

Friday, July 10, 2026, from 7:00pm to 10:00pm

Friday, July 24, 2026, from 7:00pm to 10:00pm

Friday, August 7, 2026, from 7:00pm to 10:00pm

SUMMER SPLASH AND PLAY:

Saturday, June 13, 2026, from 12:00pm to 4:00pm

Saturday, June 27, 2026, from 12:00pm to 4:00pm

Saturday, July 11, 2026, from 12:00pm to 4:00pm

Saturday, July 25, 2026, from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. This event will be held in conjunction with the Family Luau.

Saturday, August 8, 2026, from 12:00pm-4:00pm

Attachments:

None

City of
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AGENDA REPORT

Date: April 1, 2026

To: Honorable Chair and Members of the Parks & Recreation Commission

From: Elizabeth Rodriguez, Public Services Director

Issue: America250 Update

Public Services Director's Recommendation:

Receive and file the America250 update

Administrative Action:

Submitted by:

Elizabeth Rodriguez, Public Services Director

Prepared by:

Priscilla Zepeda, Recreation Manager

Background and Analysis:

At the regularly scheduled Parks and Recreation Commission held on March 4, 2026, the Commission asked for an update on the City of Irwindale's America250 celebration. Staff reviewed the recommendations made by this Commission and began researching cost, coordination with other city departments/divisions and budget impact for fiscal year 2025/2026. The findings are as follows:

Activity	Cost	Department Lead	Update
Declaration of Independence Reading	no cost	City Manager's office	• Readings by Council & Commission • Posted on social media
Social Media Campaign	no cost	Recreation - S.M.A.R.T - Social Media and Recreation Team	• SMART will begin working on an educational campaign based on recommendations from the America250

website.

Home Decorating Contest	\$100 Gift card values: \$50, \$30, \$20	Recreation	Winners will be announced during the July 2nd Music in the Park Concert Series.
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American Flag Challenge	\$100 10 - \$10 Gift Cards	Recreation - SMART -	- Random drawing for winners - Winners will be announced during the July 2nd Music in the Park Concert Series.
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Art Contest	\$1,000 to \$2,000 TK-1st, 2nd & 3rd, 4th & 5th, 6th - 8th, 9th - 12th grade Winners in each category will receive gift cards valued at: 1st - \$100, 2nd - \$75, 3rd - \$50 All other participants: \$25	Library	- Theme: What does America mean to you? - Art will be displayed at the Red, White and You BBQ - Winners will be announced during the July 2nd Music in the Park Concert Series.
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Story Walk	\$350 - \$500 estimate	Senior Center	Road to Independence: Includes history of America with photos and introduction into Irwindale's history added to timeline with pictures. Highlighting Irwindale's 4th of July Celebrations throughout the years
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Inflatables	\$1,000	Recreation	Memorial Garden is limited on spacing for inflatables and is currently at capacity with the inflatables that are included at the annual Red, White and You BBQ. Staff is looking into an inflatable maze race to add to this year's festivities. The maze (if available) will be located in the Alfred F. Herrera softball field, right field area.
BBQ Enhancement	\$1,100	Aquatics	- Free Cupcakes 250ct - Free hot dog, chips and drink combo will be provided (400ct) at the Aquatics Center's Shark Shack. This will give participants the opportunity to purchase other items that are available for sale that day at the Shark Shack.
Promotional Items	\$800 - \$1,000	Recreation	Commemorative pins will be purchased. Staff is currently pricing at 300ct.
Military Booth	\$500 estimate for 300ct flags	Recreation Parks and Recreation Commission	Recreation will coordinate with the City Manager's office to use the posters that are displayed at

the Veterans Ceremony. Photos of new veterans and/or active military will be printed as needed.

- Recreation will purchase small flags to be distributed at the booth.
- At this time, the volunteers to work the military booth include: Vice Chair Carmen Roman and resident Suzanne Gomez.

Presentation of colors (tentative)	no cost	Irwindale Police Department	• Colors presented at the Red, White and You BBQ
Patriotic Coloring Poster	Previously purchased for 2026 event \$50 - \$100 crayons	Recreation	• Large patriotic posters will be available for children of all ages to color during the Red, White and You BBQ.
Softball Game	\$800 - \$1000	Recreation	• Cost of team T-shirts (Dri-fit)

Total Cost: \$5,800 - \$7,400 This does NOT include regularly purchased supplies, entertainment and decorations.

Resident notifications for military photos and the America250 store will be available in the City Newsletter.

Sufficient funding is available in the City's current Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget to cover the above mentioned activities.

Attachments:

None

City of
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AGENDA REPORT

Date: April 1, 2026

To: Honorable Chair and Members of the Parks & Recreation Commission

From: Elizabeth Rodriguez, Public Services Director

Issue: Update on Tentatively Approved Irwindale Community Foundation Donations

Public Services Director's Recommendation:

Receive and file the update on the tentatively approved Irwindale Community Foundation donations for Fiscal Year 2026/2027.

Administrative Action:

Submitted by:

Elizabeth Rodriguez, Public Services Director

Prepared by:

Elizabeth Rodriguez, Public Services Director

Background and Analysis:

Irwindale Aquatics, Recreation, and Public Services Maintenance staff presented their donation requests to the Irwindale Community Foundation (ICF) Executive Director, Julian Miranda, on March 10, 2026. These requests were the same as those previously presented to the Parks & Recreation Commission on February 4, 2026.

Due to the loss of the annual \$250,000 contribution from Huy Fong Foods, ICF's available funds have been impacted, with a current ending balance of \$805,464. As a result, the Executive Director chose to recommend approval for only a limited number of requests. Despite this, all requests were still presented to the ICF Board during its March 17, 2026 meeting.

The Board tentatively approved the following select group of donation requests.

AQUATICS		
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ICF BUDGET REQUEST
Small Tools & Equipment	Eight (8) custom canopies for special events, registration, swim team, and training	\$10,000
	SUBTOTAL:	\$10,000

PUBLIC SERVICES MAINTENANCE		
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ICF BUDGET REQUEST
Program Supplies	Public Services Maintenance Community Class (birdhouse, bird feeder, wind chime, etc.)	\$750
	SUBTOTAL:	\$750
RECREATION		
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ICF BUDGET REQUEST
RockAbilities Events & Supplies	Supplies for 12 monthly events (\$6,100); Zumba classes, other classes & supplies for RockAbilities Program (\$4,000)	\$10,100
Adult Trips	One (1) Adult Fishing Trip	\$7,000
Kindness Krew	Giveaways, donations, and more	\$1,000
	SUBTOTAL:	\$18,100
	TOTAL:	\$28,850

The ICF Board is scheduled to finalize these donations through a resolution at its May 19, 2026 meeting. Following this action, the City Council will be required to formally accept the donations at its June 24 meeting, in conjunction with the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026–2027 Budget.

Additionally, all budget request items that were presented to the ICF Executive Director and Board but not approved will be forwarded to the City Manager and City Council for consideration as part of the City of Irwindale’s Fiscal Year 2026–2027 budget process, which is currently underway.

Attachments:

None

City of
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AGENDA REPORT

Date: April 1, 2026

To: Honorable Chair and Members of the Parks & Recreation Commission

From: Elizabeth Rodriguez, Public Services Director

Issue: Walkthrough of the Dan Diaz Recreation Center and Irwindale Aquatics Center

Public Services Director's Recommendation:

Conduct a walkthrough of the Dan Diaz Recreation Center and Irwindale Aquatics Center to prepare for the summer.

Administrative Action:

Submitted by:

Elizabeth Rodriguez, Public Services Director

Prepared by:

Elizabeth Rodriguez, Public Services Director

Background and Analysis:

Walk through the Irwindale Aquatics Center and Dan Diaz Recreation Center to prepare for the summer.

Attachments:

None

City of
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AGENDA REPORT

Date: April 1, 2026

To: Honorable Chair and Members of the Parks & Recreation Commission

From: Elizabeth Rodriguez, Public Services Director

Issue: Public Services Director Update

Public Services Director's Recommendation:

Receive and file the Public Services Director Update

Administrative Action:

Submitted by:

Elizabeth Rodriguez, Public Services Director

Prepared by:

Elizabeth Rodriguez, Public Services Director

Background and Analysis:

The City of Irwindale is pleased to offer a wide range of programs, events, and community initiatives for residents of all ages during the month of April 2026. Below is a summary of key activities and important announcements.

Irwindale Public Library Programs

The Irwindale Public Library will host several educational and recreational programs throughout April:

- **Book Club**
Participants will read *Gently to Nagasaki* by Joy Kogawa and meet to discuss the book on Thursday, April 2, 2026, from 6:00pm to 7:00pm.
- **Crafty Kids (Ages 5–12)**
Children are invited to paint and adopt a pet rock on Friday, April 3 from 5:15pm to 6:15pm.
- **Crafty Adults**
Adults can participate in painting a decorative birdfeeder on Saturday, April 4 from 2:15pm to 3:15pm.
- **Movie Matinee**
A screening of *Bad Guys 2* will take place on Tuesday, April 7 from 1:00pm to 2:45pm.
- **Bored? Games!**
Attendees can enjoy board games and snacks on Thursday, April 9 from 10:30am to 11:30am.
- **STEM Friday (Ages 6–12)**

Children will build an egg catapult on Friday, April 17 from 5:15pm to 6:15pm.

- **Teen Scene (Ages 12–17)**

Teens are invited to decorate a butterfly wreath on Friday, April 24 from 5:15pm to 6:15pm.

- **Día de los Niños / Children’s Book Day**

A celebration featuring bilingual story time, crafts, and refreshments will be held on Saturday, April 25 from 2:15pm to 4:00pm.

Irwindale Senior Center Highlights

The Irwindale Senior Center will offer a variety of social events and activities:

- **Easter Egg Hunt**

Friday, April 3 from 11:00am to 12:00pm.

- **Los Angeles Dodgers vs. Texas Rangers Game Trip**

Saturday, April 11 from 4:30pm to 11:30pm.

- **70’s Spring Fling Dance**

Friday, April 17 from 11:00am to 2:00pm.

- **Birthday Brunch Celebration**

Friday, April 24 from 11:00am to 12:00pm.

- **Bingo Night Fundraiser**

Scheduled for Friday, May 15 from 5:00pm to 9:00pm.

Residents are encouraged to register early, as many programs and trips reach capacity quickly.

Mayor’s State of the City Address

The City of Irwindale will host the 2026 Mayor’s State of the City Address on Thursday, April 16, at the Dan Diaz Recreation Center. Doors open at 5:30pm, and the program begins promptly at 6:00pm. Mayor H. Manuel Ortiz will present updates on the city’s fiscal health, infrastructure investments, and community services under the theme “Strong Foundation. Stronger Future.” A social reception will follow the presentation.

2026 Summer Youth Program

The City is currently accepting applications for the 2026 Summer Youth Program. Interested youth must submit an online application through the City’s employment portal by Sunday, April 5, 2026, at 6:00pm. The program will run from June 15 through July 30, 2026.

Los Angeles County Water Survey

Los Angeles County is conducting a Community Strengths and Needs Assessment Survey focused on water-related priorities. The survey aims to support infrastructure planning and sustainability efforts under Measure W, the Safe, Clean Water Program. The link and/or QR code for this survey can be found in the City Manager’s weekly update.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events

Free drive-thru collection events will be held:

- May 2 at Dibble Adult School in Hacienda Heights
- May 16 at the West Covina Maintenance Yard

Both events will run from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Accepted items include paint, used oil, sharps, and household chemicals. Items not accepted include tires, ammunition, radioactive materials, and large appliances.

Bulky Item and Electronic Waste Pickup

The Spring Bulky Item Pickup is scheduled for Friday, May 8. Residents must place items curbside before 6:00am. Accepted items include large household items such as furniture, mattresses, appliances (with refrigerator doors removed), and electronic waste including televisions and computers.

Code Enforcement

Repairs on 4775 Irwindale Avenue

Following reports of damage to the meandering sidewalk south of 4775 Irwindale Avenue, the necessary repairs have been completed.

Special Event Permit – Renaissance Pleasure Faire

The Renaissance Pleasure Faire hosts a Renaissance-themed fair featuring an artist marketplace, food court, and entertainment. The event will take place at the Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area located at 15501 Arrow Highway, on Saturdays and Sundays, April 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, May 2-3, 9-10, and 16-17 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The admission fee is \$53.00, and tickets may be purchased online at www.renfair.com/socal/tickets/.

This year, Irwindale Recreation has purchased tickets for the Renaissance Pleasure Faire on Saturday, April 25. Residents may register for this event on Monday, April 6 at 6pm.

Street Maintenance & Repairs

Park Rose Drainage Improvements: The drainage improvement project at Park Rose has been successfully completed. These enhancements to the v-gutter and drain system will significantly improve water runoff management in the area.

Asphalt Gridding & Leveling: To improve road safety and smooth out uneven surfaces, the Streets Crew has completed gridding at the following locations:

- Arrow Hwy (Eastbound): Just east of Avenida Barbosa.
- Arrow Hwy (Westbound): Just before Avenida Barbosa.
- Avenida Barbosa: Full-width gridding from east to west across the entire street.
- Longden Ave: Approach to the Live Oak Ave intersection.

Guardrail Replacements: The replacement of guardrails ensures continued safety and structural integrity at the following high-traffic intersections:

- Azusa Canyon Road & Cypress Street: Installation of 35 linear feet of guardrail on the west side

of the T-section. Completed March 6, 2026.

- Rivergrade Road at 605 freeway overpass: Installation of 320 linear feet of guardrail along the west side of Rivergrade Road. Completed March 19, 2026.

Training

Staff from Aquatics, Maintenance, Recreation, and the Senior Center—including two Senior Citizen Commissioners—attended the 2026 CPRS Connections Conference in Long Beach, California from March 10–13. As always, the conference delivered an outstanding experience.

This year’s event offered a wide range of valuable topics for community services professionals, with a strong focus on leadership, best practices, lessons learned, and sustaining positive energy while serving the community. Attendees participated in three inspiring general sessions centered on leadership (“The Leadership Adventure: Blazing Trails & Building Legacies”), celebrating impact (“I’m in the Business of Hope: How to Keep Believing”), and maintaining personal wellbeing (“The Heartbeat of Recreation: Nourishing Ourselves to Continue Inspiring Communities”).

In addition, staff attended several breakout sessions, including:

- Needs vs. Wants: Turning Community Feedback into Action
- Director Power Hour: Connecting Directors Across California to Lead and Advocate Together
- Delegation is Leadership
- Who Let the Bids Out? Understanding CIP Without Losing Your Mind
- Resilience at Work: Manage Stress and Prevent Burnout
- The Political Playbook: Navigating Relationships Like a Pro
- No Guts, No Growth: Leveling Up Through Hard Conversations and Bold Decisions

Thank you to the City for providing us with the opportunity to attend this conference!

The City of Irwindale continues to provide diverse programming and essential services to support community engagement and quality of life. Residents are encouraged to stay informed by visiting the City’s official website and social media platforms for registration details, updates, and additional opportunities.

Attachments:

None