

CITY OF IRWINDALE

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**NOTICE AND AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
August 5, 2026**

6:00 PM

IRWINDALE CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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 July 1, 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 Recreation Managers Update.

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.

9. PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR UPDATE

A. Public Services Director Update **Department: Public Services**

Recommendation: Receive and file the Public Services Director Update.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS BY COMMISSION MEMBERS

If a Commissioner is interested in a task or project, the Commissioner shall request that the item be agendized in this section for Commission discussion of whether time should be spent on the proposed item.

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 August 5, 2026, be posted at the City Hall, Library, and Post Office on July 30, 2026.



Armando Hegdahl, CMC
Management Analyst

**IRWINDALE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5050 N. IRWINDALE AVENUE
IRWINDALE, CALIFORNIA 91706**

**JULY 1, 2026
WEDNESDAY
6:00 P.M.**

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: Theresa Olivares, Assistant City Manager; Priscilla Zepeda, Recreation Manager; Pedro Rodriguez, Public Works Services Supervisor; 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. The motion was unanimously approved.

ITEM NO. 6A

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD JUNE 3, 2026

The minutes of the meeting held June 3, 2026, were approved as presented.

ITEM NO. 6B

AQUATICS SUPERVISOR UPDATE

The Aquatics Supervisor Update was received and filed.

ITEM NO. 6C

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR UPDATE

The Public Works Supervisor Update was received and filed.

ITEM NO. 6D

RECREATION MANAGER UPDATE

The Recreation Manager Update was received and filed.

ITEM NO. 6E

CITY COUNCIL ADOPTED FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027 BUDGET FOR PUBLIC SERVICES

The report was received and filed.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

SPONTANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Pedro Rodriguez requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Marcelino Davila, with whom he worked for many years.

Suzanne Gomez commended all city departments and staff that worked on the Red, White, and You barbecue held over the weekend.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM NO. 8A

SUMMER PARK PATROL UPDATE - VERBAL

Police Captain Fraijo presented the staff report wherein he advised that officers will be present at the Music in the Park concerts this summer as well as when the pool closes each night. He added that the full department will work on July 4 with a significant number of enforcement vehicles and a drone being allocated to combat the use of illegal fireworks.

Vice Chair Roman expressed concern over the use of motorized scooters and bikes at the parks and asked what recourse parkgoers have, to which Captain Fraijo recommended that concerned individuals contact the Police Dispatch, which can provide an expeditious response. He added that police staff wish to educate officers on the law as relates to these types of vehicles as well as their riders to gain voluntary compliance.

Chair Fraijo thanked staff for mailing flyers to all residents with additional information on bikes and e-bikes and appreciated that the officers are not attempting to scare children into adhering to the law. She stated that parents must first be educated so that they can impart information onto their children.

Captain Fraijo added that staff are also educating the public using social media.

Vice Chair Roman suggested placing printed information in the backpacks that are provided to children during the City's Back to School Night event.

Responding to a concern from Commissioner Romero, Captain Fraijo stated that the Irwindale neighborhoods near Duarte would be patrolled by two police vehicles.

Chair Fraijo thanked the officer that participated in the Color Guard at the Red, White, and You event.

Commissioner Caldera requested that officers also ensure the safety of Recreation staff after the Recreation Center closes at night.

Suzanne Gomez stated her belief that more patrons would attend the 4th of July festivities in the park due to decreased ICE actions, requested additional parking enforcement due to patrons parking in front of fire hydrants, and requested that neighbors show consideration to others and avoid using illegal fireworks.

Captain Fraijo thanked Ms. Gomez and advised that officers will remain vigilant with enforcement efforts.

PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR UPDATE

Assistant City Manager Olivares presented the report and added that a watch party has been arranged for the final game of the World Cup, on July 19, and that the Police Department will hold its annual National Night Out event on August 4.

Commissioner Romero spoke about the ease in which he was able to dispose of large items at the Athens Material Recovery Facility site

Chair Fraijo thanked staff for the detailed report.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS BY COMMISSION MEMBERS

Vice Chair Roman asked about allowing children aged 4-5 years to be able to participate in whiffle ball, asked staff to look into stepping up efforts to reengage teens so that more participate in the City's programs for teens, thanked everyone that participated in making the Red, White, and You event a success, asked that staff in the KidZone program assist the children in creating sparkly gloves similar to those worn by Michael Jackson for use at the Intergenerational Dance at the Senior Center, congratulated Irwindale Community Foundation appointees Dena Zepeda and Dominique Reyes, and thanked all that worked at the veterans' booth at the Red, White, and You event as well as Senator Rubio for attending.

Responding to a question by Commissioner Caldera, Supervisor Grijalva advised that an air-quality index guide is taped to the Aquatics Center's window where patrons could learn what the different-colored flags that are flown just outside of the Center's entrance meant.

Chair Fraijo thanked the Council for approving the budget for the Recreation Department and the Irwindale Community Foundation for its generosity. She also thanked staff from Aquatics, Public Works, and Recreation departments for their hard work in ensuring the success of the numerous City functions and events.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17p.m., in memory of Marcelino Davila.

Armando Hegdahl, CMC
Management Analyst

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AGENDA REPORT

Date: August 5, 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:

July 2026 highlights:

Monthly Overview

As anticipated, July was the busiest month of the summer season. Swim Lessons, Parent & Me, Adult Swim Lessons, AquaFitness, and Aqua Stand Up all experienced strong participation and registration numbers. Daily recreational swimming, both daytime and evening sessions, also continued to draw consistently high attendance—numbers we have not seen in quite some time at the Aquatics Center.

With only a few weeks remaining in the summer season, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the entire Aquatics Center staff, along with our Summer Youth Workers, for the phenomenal job they have done this summer. Your hard work, dedication, and commitment to serving our community truly exemplify what it means to work for the City of Irwindale.

Dive-in Cinema

Dive-In Cinema continued to be a summer favorite. On Friday, July 10, attendees enjoyed *The Waterboy* starring Adam Sandler, followed by Disney Pixar's *Cars* on Friday, July 24.

Both evenings were well attended, and community feedback regarding the Dive-In Cinema experience has been overwhelmingly positive.

The *Cars* screening featured a special surprise appearance by Lightning McQueen, who greeted guests, posed for photos with families and friends, visited the Shark Shack, and even watched himself on the

big screen before heading back to Radiator Springs.

One final Dive-In Cinema event remains for the summer. Join us on Friday, August 7, for a showing of *Nacho Libre*. Doors open at 7:00pm, and we look forward to seeing everyone there.

Swim Lessons

Session #2 of Swim Lessons concluded on Friday, July 17, with 119 participants successfully registered and placed into classes.

Session #3 began on Monday, July 27, and will conclude on Friday, August 7, marking the end of the 2026 swim lesson season.

MT. SAC AquaFitness Class

The Mt. SAC Summer AquaFitness class will conclude on Thursday, August 13.

Registration for the Late Summer/Fall session opens as follows:

- **Residents:** Monday, August 3, at 5:00pm
- **Non-Residents:** Monday, August 10, at 5:00pm

Staff Training/ In-Service

Aquatics staff completed six (6) hours of in-service training during July.

Training topics included:

- Backboard extractions in both shallow and deep water
- Head, neck, and spinal injury response procedures in shallow and deep water
- Incident report documentation and reporting procedures

These trainings help ensure staff remain prepared to provide a safe environment for all Aquatics Center visitors.

Family Luau

The Family Luau was held on Saturday, July 25, from 2:00pm to 5:00pm at the Irwindale Aquatics Center.

Despite the warm weather, attendees enjoyed an afternoon filled with fun activities that helped everyone stay cool. Guests were treated to shaved ice, fresh fruit, recreational swimming, deck games, and complimentary raffle prizes throughout the event.

A special thank-you goes to Kid DJ Sonic, whose energy, personality, and music created an outstanding atmosphere. The community thoroughly enjoyed his performance, and he certainly made a lasting impression at the Aquatics Center.

News and Announcements:

Summer Youth

The Aquatics staff would like to extend a sincere thank you to our Summer Youth Workers: Angelica,

Olivia, Luke, and Sadie.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication throughout the summer season. We wish you a successful school year and hope to welcome you back to the Aquatics Center in the future.

Late Summer/Fall Program Schedule

The final day of the Summer Season schedule will be Sunday, August 16. The Late Summer/Fall Season will begin on Monday, August 17, with operating hours returning to 2:00pm to 7:30pm, Monday through Thursday. Late Summer/Fall Recreational Swimming will be available Saturdays and Sundays from 12:00pm to 4:00pm, beginning Saturday, August 22, and continuing through Sunday, September 27. The Late Summer/Fall program schedule will run from Monday, August 17, 2026, through Thursday, October 29, 2026. Aqua Stand Up, Mindful Waters, Senior Splash/Aqua Walk, Swim Team, Aqua Fitness, and Lap Swimming will continue on the same schedule established during the spring session.

Mindful Waters

- Dates: Tuesday, August 18 – Thursday, October 29, 2026
- Days: Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Time: 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Senior Splash/Aqua Walk & Lap Swimming

- Dates: Monday, August 17 – Thursday, October 29, 2026
- Days: Monday through Thursday
- Time: 3:00pm – 4:00pm

Aqua Stand Up & Aqua Fitness

Two sessions will be offered:

Session 1

- Monday, August 17 – Thursday, September 24

Session 2

- Monday, September 28 – Thursday, October 29

Class Times

- 5:30pm – 6:30pm
- 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Swim Team

- Dates: Monday, August 17 – Thursday, October 29, 2026
- Schedule: Monday through Thursday
- Time: 4:15pm – 5:15pm

Swim Team returns to its four-day practice schedule and will run for ten weeks during the Late Summer/Fall season.

Save the Date:

Monday, August 3: Resident registration for AquaFitness, Aqua Stand Up, Swim Team at 5pm.

Friday, August 7: Dive-in Cinema - *Nacho Libre* at 7pm.

Saturday, August 8: Last day of Splash and Play from 12pm to 4pm.

Monday, August 10: Non-resident registration for Aquafitness, Aqua Stand Up, Swim Team at 5pm.

Friday, August 14: Last day of summer night swimming for the 2026 season from 6pm to 9pm.

Monday, August 17: First day of Late Summer/Fall schedule at the Aquatics Center.

Saturday, August 22: First day of late Summer/Fall recreational summer swim from 12pm to 4pm.

Attachments:

None

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AGENDA REPORT

Date: August 5, 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 Updates

With summer in full effect, park staff are prioritizing the cleanup of picnic areas and rental facilities to keep our parks in prime condition for daily visitors. Beyond routine operations, crews are proactively completing specific repairs reported by staff and residents:

- **Irwindale Park:** Ongoing routine grounds maintenance.
- **Jardin de Roca Park:** Repaired a damaged quick coupler line.
- **El Nido Park:** Added fresh mulch to entrance planters and repaired damaged irrigation nozzles and sprinklers.
- **Little Park:** Currently troubleshooting and repairing faulty irrigation valves.
- **Aquatics Center:**
 - Repaired exhaust fans in both the men's and women's locker rooms.
 - Finished running conduit for the new movie screen, which is now operational for summer events.
- **Dan Diaz Recreation Center:**
 - Replaced two exhaust fans in the restrooms near the gym's north exit.
 - Continuing daily cleaning of the Picnic Shelter prior to the start of the daily lunch program.

Events & Special Projects

Music in the Park: Staff are preparing the plaza area, setting up vendor stalls, and installing event fencing in preparation for the series.

Staff Training & Development

On July 29, 2026, the team completed Backhoe/Loader Training provided by the California JPIA.

Acknowledgments

A sincere thank you to the entire team for their dedication and hard work keeping our facilities running smoothly during this extreme summer heat.

A special thank you to our Summer Youth Workers, Autumn, Max, and Ricardo, for their tremendous help over the summer! From assisting with daily operations to supporting community events, their hard work made a real difference. We are grateful for their effort and wish them continued success!

Attachments:

None

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AGENDA REPORT

Date: August 5, 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 Recreation Managers Update.

Administrative Action:

Submitted by:

Elizabeth Rodriguez, Public Services Director

Prepared by:

Priscilla Zepeda, Recreation Manager

Background and Analysis:

Irwindale Recreation continues to provide meaningful programs, events, activities and services that strengthen community connections. Staff remained focused on delivering safe, inclusive and engaging opportunities for patrons of all ages and abilities. This report highlights key accomplishments and ongoing efforts over the past month and updates on what is coming soon.

July Highlights

Family Beach Trips: Families enjoyed fun in the sun at Huntington Beach every Wednesday throughout July! These beach trips created lasting memories and provided a wonderful opportunity for everyone to relax and enjoy the summer together.

A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated staff and bus drivers for making each trip safe, enjoyable, and so memorable. Your hard work and commitment made these outings a great success!

Sunset Cinema: This summer, the Sunset Cinema schedule was adjusted from six movie nights to three. Irwindale Recreation hosted **Zootopia 2** on June 29, **Lilo & Stitch** on July 13, and **Selena** on July 27. Despite offering fewer movie nights, the change resulted in a continued decrease in overall attendance. Staff will be looking into a new and creative way to revamp this program or partner with Aquatics' Dive-in Cinema. Staff will continue to keep you updated on any changes.

4th of July Spectacular: The Fourth of July brought families together to celebrate America's 250th birthday and to honor the sacrifices made by the men and women of our military throughout our nation's history. Their service and dedication have helped protect the freedoms we enjoy today.

The City of Irwindale concluded the celebration with its annual Fourth of July Spectacular fireworks show, providing a memorable evening for the community. We are pleased to report that the event concluded safely, with no fires resulting from the fireworks display and everyone able to enjoy the celebration without incident.

Day Camp: Each year our youth, ages 7–12, enjoy six weeks of exciting field trips to a variety of destinations. These outings create lasting memories while giving campers the opportunity to have fun, explore new places, and experience new adventures with their peers.

This summer, our day campers enjoyed a fantastic lineup of trips, including a visit to the movies to see *Toy Story 5*, water slide escapades at Knott's Soak City, a new experience at a premier floating water park in Anaheim - Adventure Lagoon, fun and games at John's Incredible Pizza, and an action-packed outing to Fun Parx in Santa Ana. The final field trip of the season will be to Raging Waters on August 4, where campers will wrap up the summer with another day of water-filled excitement.

Music in the Park Concert Series: The Music in the Park Concert Series took place every Thursday evening from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Irwindale Park Plaza, bringing the community together for a summer of music, food, and fun. This year's series featured a variety of talented bands that kept audiences entertained with outstanding live performances, while an excellent selection of food vendors offered delicious options for attendees to enjoy. The weekly concerts created a welcoming atmosphere where families, friends, and neighbors could gather, relax, and celebrate the season together.

DATE	BAND	FOOD VENDOR/FOOD TYPE
July 2	Chico Band: R&B Soul/Old School	El Buen Pastor: Mexican Food
July 9	Miriam Neblina Latin Band: Latin Music	El Buen Pastor: Mexican Food
July 16	The Ace Band: R&B Soul/Old School/Funk	Irwindale Sister City: Chili Verde Burritos
July 23	Faultline: Country Music	Guadalulpanas: Mexican Food
July 30	Smokin' 60's: 60's Rock & Roll	Irwindale Police Officers Association: Hamburgers & Hot Dogs

There are two more concerts left this summer season. We hope to see you on Thursday, August 6 to listen to the R&B Soul, Old School, and Latin sounds of Cold Duck and support the Irwindale Education Fund, who will be selling hamburger and hot dog combos. The last Music in the Park is on Thursday, August 13 featuring Suave and the Joseph “Pepe” Miranda Scholarship Foundation will be selling a hamburger, chips and a drink. Additionally, Irwindale Recreation is hosting its 23rd Annual Back to School Event.

Updates:

Whiffle Ball/T-Ball: At the July 1 Parks & Recreation Commission meeting, Vice Chair Roman requested information regarding why Whiffle Ball was moved from the morning to the afternoon and why T-Ball was cancelled.

Prior to the start of the summer season, staff met to review the KidZone schedule due to increasing enrollment and to identify opportunities to improve operational efficiency. As a result of those discussions, several schedule adjustments were made, including:

- Indoor Pickleball moved from 8:00am to 7:00am
- Inclusive Zumba moved outdoors.
- Yoga at Noon was changed to Yoga at 11:30am
- Whiffle Ball was moved from 10:00am to 2:00pm

Whiffle Ball was moved to the afternoon to better accommodate the overall KidZone schedule. Youth swim lessons are held from 9:10am to 9:50am and again from 9:55am to 10:35am. Participants require time to change before and after swim lessons, and students begin lining up for the Summer Lunch Program at 11:00am, with lunch served from 11:30am to 12:30pm. Moving Whiffle Ball to the afternoon minimized scheduling conflicts and allowed for a smoother transition between activities throughout the day.

T-Ball was cancelled due to consistently low attendance. However, the activity was incorporated into the KidZone gym activity schedule, allowing participants to continue enjoying T-Ball as part of the program's regular recreational offerings. Additionally, Volleyball is from 3pm to 4pm on Mondays and Wednesdays and the Soccer Clinic for a variety of ages is held Monday through Friday from 4pm to 5pm.

Announcement/News:

Summer is Coming to an End! Summer KidZone and the Summer Lunch Program will wrap up on Friday, August 7, 2026.

The past eight weeks have been filled with fun activities, sports, crafts, games, and so much more! Thank you to all of our participants, families, and staff for making this summer such a memorable one.

As we close out another great summer, our staff is busy preparing for the start of School KidZone. Registration opens on Monday, August 3, 2026, at 11:00am. We look forward to another exciting school year!

Staff would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to this year's Summer Youth team for all of their hard work and dedication. Their enthusiasm and willingness to help made our programs, activities, and events full of fun, creativity, and unity.

A special thank you to Marco, Adam, Ava, Motley, and Roman. We truly appreciate everything you contributed this summer and the positive impact you made on our community.

We wish each of you the very best and look forward to seeing all that the future has in store for you!

Family/Adult Field Trip: Be our guest for a magical family outing to see Disney's *Beauty & The Beast* at the iconic Pantages Theatre on Saturday, August 22, from 4:30pm to 11pm! Experience the beloved tale as old as time brought to life with breathtaking performances, unforgettable music, and spectacular Broadway production. Gather your family and friends for an enchanting evening filled with laughter, music, and timeless memories. Resident Registration Opens: Monday, August 10, 2026, at 6:00pm

Intergenerational Dance: The Irwindale Senior Center graciously invited Summer KidZone participants to its annual Neon Intergenerational Dance Party on Wednesday, July 29, from 1:30pm to 3:30pm. The event is designed to strengthen connections between younger and older generations by bringing them together for an afternoon of fun, creativity, and shared experiences.

This annual dance continues to be a favorite among KidZone participants. Children had a blast dancing to lively music, creating fun crafts such as Michael Jackson-inspired gloves, decorating microphones, and making colorful bracelets, and delicious snacks such as pizza rolls, nachos, and Dino nuggets.

A special thank you to the Irwindale Senior Center staff for inviting KidZone and for making the afternoon extra memorable by providing neon necklaces, LED light-up foam sticks, and other fun neon-themed goodies. Events like these create meaningful opportunities for generations to connect, build friendships, and make lasting memories together.

Save the Dates:

August 3: KidZone Registration at 11am

August 4: Day Camp: Raging Waters

August 5: Family Beach Trip

August 6: Music in the Park

Band: Cold Duck

Food: Irwindale Education Fund - Hot Dog & Hamburger Combos

August 10-14: KidZone Closed

August 12: Family Beach Trip

August 13: Music in the Park

Band: Suave

Food: Joseph "Pepe" Miranda Scholarship Foundation – Hamburger, Chips, & Drink

23rd Annual Back 2 School Event

August 17: Back to School – School KidZone Starts

August 22: Family Trip: Pantages Theater for Beauty & the Beast

Attachments:

None

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Date: August 5, 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 August 2026. Below is a summary of key activities and important announcements.

Irwindale Public Library Programs

The Irwindale Public Library is currently closed as staff continues to move its current collection and finalize set up at the new library from Monday, June 27 through Friday, August 14. The new Irwindale Public Library will host a grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, August 15 at 9:00am. We look forward to seeing you all at this very important occasion.

Irwindale Senior Center Highlights

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

- **Field Trip: Beach BBQ Trip**

Seniors will enjoy some fun in the sun at Huntington Beach for a Beach BBQ on Saturday, August 8, 2026, from 8am to 6pm.

- **Summer Dance**

Get ready for a jungle inspired Summer Dance on August 14, from 11am to 2pm.

- **Birthday Brunch Celebration**

Celebrate August birthdays at the Irwindale Senior Center on Friday, August 28, from 11am to

12pm. Enjoy a menu featuring a Cold Cut Sandwich, Pasta Salad, Chips, and Fresh Fruit.

- **Field Trip: Yaamava Resort & Casino**

Feeling Lucky? Seniors will be visiting Yaamava Resort & Casino on Saturday, September 12. Resident registration begins August 10, 2026.

- **Mexican Independence Day Dance**

Irwindale Senior Center will host its annual Mexican Independence Day Dance on Wednesday, September 16. Resident registration starts on August 24, 2026.

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

Flags on Irwindale Avenue for Memorial Day

The United States Flag Code establishes procedures for the proper display of the United States flag and, in certain circumstances, military flags. On Memorial Day, the U.S. flag is to be flown at half-staff from sunrise until noon to honor the nation's fallen service members.

The flag poles along Irwindale Avenue are not designed to allow the flags to be lowered and raised, making it impossible for staff to comply with the half-staff requirement. For this reason, City staff have historically not displayed flags along Irwindale Avenue on Memorial Day.

After further research, staff determined that when a flag cannot be lowered to half-staff, the U.S. Flag Code permits the use of a black mourning ribbon (or streamer) affixed to the top of the flagpole, just below the finial. The ribbon should be made of black fabric and should be approximately the same length as the width of the flag's stripes.

Moving forward, City staff will follow this procedure by installing the black mourning ribbon on the flag poles before Memorial Day, allowing the flags to be displayed in accordance with the U.S. Flag Code.

Parking Lot Sale and Recycling Event

Staff met to discuss the June schedule for both the Parking Lot Sale and the Recycling Event. Due to the high temperatures experienced over the past two years and the close timing of the Red, White & You event, which is held on the Saturday before the Fourth of July, it was decided to move these events to April or May beginning next year.

Staff will continue to keep the community updated as plans for these events are finalized.

Transportation: Bus Passes

Bus Pass Applications for the school year will be accepted beginning Monday, August 3 online via a designated QR code or by visiting the City of Irwindale's website under School Transportation. Bus passes can be picked up on Thursday, August 13 in the Bus Turnabout where our bus drivers will be on hand to introduce themselves to the students.

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