



CITY OF BANNING STAFF REPORT

TO: CITY COUNCIL

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MEETING DATE: May 12, 2026

SUBJECT: Parks and Recreation Report of Monthly Activities through the 3rd Quarter of Fiscal Year 2025/2026 - March 2026

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file.

BACKGROUND:

To better track the participation levels of parks and recreation program offerings and the facilities usage for parks and recreation programs and services, staff developed a monthly report that is used to compile and present our numbers, help tell our story and allow for easy year over year comparison.

The ten-page report includes parks staff activities, park and facility usage, sports and classes participation, Senior activities, Banning Connect ridership and passes sold, aquatics programming, special events and the last page is a tracking page for trips and activities associated with the Outdoor Equity Program grant. The report is aligned with the fiscal year, July through June of each year and compiled each month.

Staff brings the report to the Council after each quarter of the Fiscal Year. Attached in this item, is the March 2026 report that contains participation information through the end of the 3rd quarter of FY 2025-26 and includes participation data for the first nine months of this Fiscal year.

The 3rd quarter report shows continued ongoing park and facility usage as well as strong growth in overall programming and participation. Many of our regular ongoing programs continue to be at capacity or nearing capacity.

The March report continues to show great participation throughout all programming and services offered in the Senior Center. The daily meal program has grown to nearly 70 daily meals. The report shows that we successfully ran a large youth basketball program as well as an adult basketball program with 3 additional teams from the initial return in 2025.

Graffiti and vandalism continue to be a significant drain on the staffing of our Park's division impacting ongoing park's maintenance and the general public's ability to use the park.

JUSTIFICATION:

This report provides quantitative information pertinent to parks and recreation services offered for the City of Banning's residents.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact with this report

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Parks and Recreation MRA - March 2026.pdf](#)