

**CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS**  
**Council Chamber**  
**3191 Katella Ave., Los Alamitos CA 90720**

**PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**  
**AGENDA**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**Wednesday, June 3, 2026 – 6:00 PM**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

Commissioner Wright  
Commissioner Gallagher  
Commissioner Singer  
Vice Chair Beck  
Chair Bandak

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Bandak will lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

At this time, any individual in the audience may address the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission and speak on any item within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. Please state if you wish to speak on an item on the Agenda. **Remarks are to be limited to not more than three minutes.**

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 1, 2026.**

**6. PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Presentation of the Distinguished Youth Volunteer Award to Nadia Kim**

**B. Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Annual Operating Budget (Administration)**

**7. STAFF REPORTS**

**A. Summer Programs and Events Preview**

This report provides the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission a report on the upcoming summer camps, classes, and programs.

**B. 2026 UWS 3rd of July Fireworks Spectacular**

This report provides the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission with information regarding the upcoming Universal Waste Systems (UWS) Fireworks Spectacular scheduled for Friday, July 3, 2026 at the Joint Forces Training Base – Los Alamitos.

**8. ITEMS FROM THE RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

At this time, City Staff may also report on items not specifically described on the Agenda that are of interest to the community, provided no action or discussion is taken except.

**9. COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

At this time, Commissioners may report on items not specifically described on the Agenda that are of interest to the community, provided no action or discussion is taken except to provide staff direction to report back or to place the item on a future Agenda.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission will adjourn to Wednesday, August 5, 2026.

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing Agenda was posted at the Los Alamitos City Hall, 3191 Katella Ave. and online at [www.cityoflosalamitos.org](http://www.cityoflosalamitos.org) not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting. **Dated this 28th day of May.**

*Lauren Pavelec*

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Lauren Pavelec, Department Secretary

# **MINUTES OF PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS**

## **REGULAR MEETING – WEDNESDAY, April 1, 2026**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission met in a Regular Session at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 1, 2026, in the Los Alamitos Community Center, 10911 Oak St., with Chair Bandak presiding.

### **2. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Commission Members: Bandak, Beck, Gallagher, Wright, Joseph

**Absent:** Commission Members: Singer

**Present:** Staff: Emeline Noda, Director of Recreation & Community Services/Director of Intergovernmental Affairs  
Jason Bruton, Recreation Manager  
Steve Kim, Recreation Supervisor  
Lauren Pavelec, Department Secretary  
Carson Deterding, Recreation Coordinator  
Ron Noda, Assistant City Manager

### **3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Bandak led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Chair Bandak opened Oral Communications. At this time, any individual in the audience may come forward to speak on any item within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission. Remarks are limited to not more than five minutes per speaker.

### **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motioned: Gallagher Seconded Wright

Motion Carried: The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission approved the minutes for the Regular Meeting of February 4, 2026.

### **6. DISCUSSION ITEM**

#### **A. City of Los Alamitos Public Art Program & Policy (Development Services)**

The City of Los Alamitos Public Art Program and Policy is intended to develop the City's first comprehensive framework guiding how public art is proposed, reviewed, approved, installed, and maintained.

The purpose is to establish a formal Public Art Policy that sets transparent processes, ensures ADA and legal compliance, and reflects community values. The policy focuses on murals, sculptures, and utility cabinet art-three art types identified as feasible for Los Alamitos, given scale and resources.

Assistant City Manager Ron Noda led the discussion.

## **7. STAFF REPORTS**

### **A. Update on Sunburst Field**

This report provided the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission with a review of Sunburst Field.

Recreation Manager Jason Bruton and Recreation Coordinator Carson Deterding summarized the staff report.

### **B. 2026 Summer Concert Series**

This report provided the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission with information about the upcoming 2026 Summer Concert Series presented by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission.

Recreation Supervisor Steve Kim summarized the report.

## **8. ITEMS FROM THE RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

Lauren Pavelec, Department Secretary

- Announced the Paws for the Planet event on April 25, 2026, at Laurel Park from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Reminded the Commissioners of the CPRS District 10 Banquet on April 9, 2026.

Emeline Noda, Director of Recreation and Community Services/Director of Intergovernmental Affairs

- Reminded the Commissioners about Spring Carnival on April 4, 2026, and Senior Prom on May 4, 2026.
- Thanked the commissioners for attending the Weekend of Art event.

## **9. COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner Wright

- Attended the Weekend of Art event and noticed fewer art pieces than last year

- Shared that he has received positive feedback on the Los Al Link and inquired about expanding to Costco and Ralphs in Cypress.

Commissioner Singer

N/A

Commissioner Gallagher

Nothing to report.

Vice Commissioner Beck

Nothing to report.

Chair Bandak.

- Attended the Weekend of Art, asked about showcasing the artwork throughout the year at the Community Center, and possibly reached out to local news stations to get involved.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

The Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Attest:

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William Bandak, Chair

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Emeline Noda  
Director of Recreation & Community Services/  
Director of Intergovernmental Affairs

# **City of Los Alamitos**

## **PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL ARTS**

### **COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT**

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**MEETING DATE: June 3, 2026**

**ITEM NUMBER: 7A**

**To: Chair William Bandak & Members of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission**

**Presented By: Megan Shimada, Management Analyst**

**Subject: Summer Programs and Events Preview**

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#### **SUMMARY**

This report provides the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission a report on the upcoming summer camps, classes, and programs.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Commission receive and file.

#### **BACKGROUND**

This report provides an update on the upcoming 2026 summer camps, classes, and programs. The Department is proud to have maintained, adapted, and expanded classes, camps, and programs offered to the community.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Registration for the 2026 Summer Day Camp opened on Wednesday, April 1 for residents and non-residents. Lil' Oak Preschool, contract classes and other summer programs opened online on Friday, April 17 for all residents. Walk-in registrations were available starting Monday, April 20. All registrations can be completed online at [losalrecreation.myrec.com](https://losalrecreation.myrec.com).

##### **Staff-led Camps**

The staff-led Recreation Camps remain among our most popular programs. Most camps accommodate 15–30 participants, and all camps are designed for ages 6–12.

We're excited to welcome back several camper favorites this year, including STEM Discovery Camp, LEGO Lab Camp, Extreme Arts and Crafts Camp, Rise of the Jedi Camp, and Beyond

the Stars Space Camp.

New and imaginative camps being offered this year include Dinosaur Explorer Camp, where campers dig into prehistoric adventures; Once Upon a Time Camp, bringing classic stories and fairy tales to life; To the Jungle Camp, filled with animal-themed exploration and crafts; Despicable Minion Me Camp, packed with mischievous fun and games; and Coral Cove Camp, which dives into ocean-themed activities and creativity.

With a mix of returning favorites and exciting new themes, there's something for every camper to explore, create, and discover this summer.

### Youth Sports

The Los Alamitos Recreation and Community Services Department is pleased to offer a variety of youth sports programs for summer 2026, providing fun and engaging opportunities for children to stay active.

Saturday morning programs include Parent & Me T-Ball (ages 2–3) and Jr. Pee Wee Baseball (ages 4–6), which introduce basic skills such as hitting, catching, and base running in a supportive, clinic-style environment. Programs will be held at Little Cottonwood Park (4000 Farquhar Ave.) and include a participation award. Sessions run Saturdays, June 13–July 18 (no class July 4), with Parent & Me T-Ball from 9:00–9:45 a.m. and Jr. Pee Wee Baseball from 10:00–10:45 a.m.

In addition, week-long Summer Sport Camps offer youth ages 5–12 the chance to build skills, confidence, and teamwork through structured instruction and fun activities. Camps run Monday through Friday from 9:30–11:30 a.m. at Oak Middle School (10821 Oak St.) and select locations. Offerings include Soccer (June 8–12), Track & Field (June 15–18), Flag Football (June 22–26), Basketball (July 13–17), and Volleyball (July 20–24). These camps, with the exception of Flag Football Camp, are also available as an add-on option for Summer Day Camp Participants.

### Lil' Oak Preschool Program

This summer, the Lil' Oak Preschool Program will offer several flexible enrollment options for families. Participants may enroll in either a 2-day or a 3-day-per-week schedule. Classes are open to children ages 3–5 years old and will run from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The summer program will include five sessions, with each session running for two weeks. All participants must be fully potty-trained. Each session will feature a fun, age-appropriate theme that activities, crafts, and learning experiences will be centered around. Summer themes include Little Explorers, S'more Fun, Under the Sea, Lil' Champs, and Tiny T. Rex.

### Day Camp

Summer Day Camp registration is currently available for ages 5 to 10. Campers will enjoy organized activities, arts & crafts, special event Fridays, optional excursions, optional specialty class add-ons, and more, all catering to the week's fun theme! Staff have secured two weekly excursions for the participants for 11 weeks. All days of camp last year were sold out at 100 participants. Staff expect to fill up to 100 participants per day once again and take 48 participants on each excursion this summer. Specialty Camps will allow for 20 participants per



class.

The Summer Day Camp ad displays the weekly themes and excursions for all 11 weeks of Day Camp, including pricing and additional pertinent information. Scholarships are available for eligible Los Alamitos residents.

### United Teen Mentorship Program

United- Teen Mentorship Program registration is currently available for ages 11-14. The program is taking place at the Los Alamitos Community Center from June 8 – August 21, Monday – Friday, from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. This camp-style program will allow participants to complete local service projects for service hour credit, enjoy excursions along with Day Campers and to local businesses, and enjoy personal and professional wellness workshops. Service projects include planting flowers at City Hall, providing fun activities for day campers, restocking and sorting supplies at Precious Life Thrift Store, packing wellness bags and restocking the food pantry at We Care, and helping Senior Club participants with tech skills. United participants also take time to learn from City Departments about careers in municipal government and life skills such as resume building, interview skills, budget knowledge, and what it takes to work in public safety and public works. Participants will also have an opportunity to engage in on-site activities such as crafts, sports, and more. Scholarships are available for eligible Los Alamitos residents.

### Summer Parks Program

The Summer Parks Program will return this summer at Little Cottonwood Park and Orville R. Lewis Jr. Park. This free, drop-in program is designed for kids ages 5 to 12 years old and is scheduled for Little Cottonwood Park on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and at Orville R. Lewis Jr. Park on Tuesday and Thursday. Each location operates from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Staff will organize arts & crafts, games, and other fun activities, with each week highlighting a different theme. The program is entirely free for the community and provides free excursion opportunities. It will run from Monday, June 8, 2026, through Friday, August 7, 2026.

### **Excursions include:**

1. Huntington Beach
2. Wild Rivers
3. Santa Ana Zoo
4. Urban Air Adventure Park
5. Skyzone- Cerritos
6. Movie Theatre
7. OC Discovery Cube
8. Medieval Times
9. American Ninja Warrior Adventure Park
10. Knott's Soak City
11. Pretend City
12. Knott's Berry Farm
13. Adventure City
14. Ultimate Ninjas Park

## 15. Camelot Golfland

### Aquatics

The Aquatics team is excited to continue offering swim programs at the JFTB Pool. Last year, the program moved from Los Alamitos High School to the JFTB Pool due to limited space at the high school. Swim lessons were successful throughout the year, and the program will expand its offering for the summer. Swim lessons are available Monday through Thursday and on Saturdays. Lessons are four-week programs with a Monday/Wednesday, Tuesday/Thursday, Saturday option. The program will also offer free recreation swim. Free recreation swim will take place on Fridays and Sundays between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Participants must reserve time slots in order to attend. The program has recently done some revamping with new equipment and new training protocol for the upcoming summer.

### Los Alamitos Volunteer Program

The Los Alamitos Volunteer Program (L.A.V.P.) for ages 11 to 17 is scheduled to resume this summer with planned workshops, activities, and volunteer opportunities at all the programs listed in this report, and special events such as 3<sup>rd</sup> of July Fireworks Spectacular, Summer Concert Series, Parks and Recreation Month activities, and more.

L.A.V.P. is a volunteer-based program for youth to give back to their community while assisting them in completing community service requirements necessary for high school graduation. These students gain experience in various recreational fields while supporting other local non-profit organizations and the City of Los Alamitos. There are currently 105 volunteers in the program. Registration for the 2026-2027 membership year is open and can be found on the Department's website. This summer, volunteers can volunteer at the Lil' Oak Preschool Program, Day Camp, Summer Parks Program, youth sports, special events, specialty camps, local non-profit projects, and more.

The 2025-2026 membership year commenced on May 1, 2026. The 2026 – 2027 membership meeting took place on Monday, May 11, at the Los Alamitos Community Center. In this meeting, the Recreation staff covers the L.A.V.P. rules and manual, the program's mission, volunteer opportunities, benefits, expectations, dress policy, and additional topics important to ensuring volunteers' success. Additionally, scholarships to cover the program participation fee are available for Los Alamitos residents, and a scholarship award application to assist in furthering education is being updated.

### Park and Recreation Month

July is Park and Recreation month. The Recreation and Community Services Department is celebrating by offering a wide variety of activities and events during the month of July.

In honor of America's 250th birthday, select activities will feature special American-themed elements celebrating our nation's history and community spirit.

Returning favorites this year include Movie Night featuring The Goonies, Sunset Yoga, the

Pickleball Tournament, and Park Pop-Up events. New events planned for this summer include Field Day Fun, Popsicle Palooza, and a Family Pool Party, offering even more opportunities for families and community members to come together and have fun.

In addition to scheduled events, the following activities will be available all month long: a Flower Seed Giveaway, Take-Home Craft Kits, and Free Pick-Up Sports.

All events and activities are free to attend; some may require pre-registration.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

All programs and events are budgeted in Fiscal Year 2026-2027 and partially offset by registration and sponsorship revenue.

Attachment:      None

# **City of Los Alamitos**

## **PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL ARTS**

### **COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT**

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**MEETING DATE: June 3, 2026**

**ITEM NUMBER: 7B**

**To: Chair William Bandak & Members of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission**

**Presented By: Gilberto Arteaga-Ceja , Recreation Coordinator**

**Subject: 2026 UWS 3rd of July Fireworks Spectacular**

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#### **SUMMARY**

This report provides the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission with information regarding the upcoming Universal Waste Systems (UWS) Fireworks Spectacular scheduled for Friday, July 3, 2026 at the Joint Forces Training Base – Los Alamitos.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Commission receive and file.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Recreation and Community Services Department has historically held an annual Fireworks Spectacular event in partnership with the City of Seal Beach and held on the Joint Forces Training Base. This represents the 39<sup>th</sup> year for this event which celebrates the nation's independence in a safe and fun atmosphere.

#### **DISCUSSION**

The event will be held this year on Friday, July 3, 2026 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base where approximately 12,000 people are expected to attend. The festival portion of the free event will be located on the East Ramp featuring a main stage with live entertainment, a Family Zone with games, face painting, military static displays and family activities, food and commercial vendors, and a Beverage Garden hosted and run by the MWR on Base.

The gates at Lexington and Orangewood will open to vehicular traffic beginning at 4:00 p.m. with parking directed to the Tarmac by a hired parking control contractor. Event festivities begin at 5:00 p.m. Traffic control outside the Base will be provided by the Los Alamitos Police Department and inside the event, Los Alamitos Police Department will have two officers on-site for additional event security. No pedestrians or bicycles will be allowed at the gate or in the event area. All entering the Joint Forces Training Base will be required to provide valid photo identification, in the form of a Real I.D. with drivers required to provide a valid Real I.D. Driver's License or valued passport. Random vehicle inspections will also take place to ensure the

safety of all participants.

General event participants are encouraged to bring blankets, chairs, weighted canopies, and are allowed to bring outside food and non-alcoholic beverages. A variety of food and commercial vendors will be selling food, drinks, and merchandise during the event. All youth under the age of 18 are required to be supervised at all times by an adult age 18 and older.

The Stars & Stripes area will provide limited seating for designated attendees, including dignitaries, local elected officials, and a limited number of their guests. Due to limited space and seating available, it is suggested that designated attendees bring their own seating, such as lawn chairs or blankets. Stars & Stripes parking pass holders will be instructed to use the Orangewood entrance with their hazard lights on and their parking pass clearly visible from their rearview mirror, after which parking staff will direct them to the allotted lot on the tarmac. Once inside the event, Stars & Stripes pass holders should check-in at the designated seating area to be allowed access. Each Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commissioner will receive one Stars & Stripes parking pass and is requested to RSVP to Department Secretary Lauren Pavelec by June 30, including their guest count (one carload max).

The fireworks show will begin at approximately 9:00 p.m. and conclude the event. The event lineup includes:

- 4:00 p.m. Gates open and event begins
- 5:00-7:45 p.m. Main stage performances & Family Zone open
- 7:45 p.m. Dignitary speeches
- 8:00-9:00 p.m. Main stage performances resume
- 8:00 p.m. Family Zone closes
- 9:00 p.m. Firework show begins

9:30 p.m. Event concludes

Title Sponsor - Universal Waster Systems

Co-host - City of Seal Beach

Rising Star Sponsors - The Shops at Rossmoor, Sea Air Federal Credit Union and Renewal by Anderson

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

The projected cost of the event will be incorporated into the special events budget in the Recreation and Community Services Department budget. The expenditures of the event are partially offset by cash and in-kind sponsorships.

Attachment:      None

