

# **STAFF REPORT**

## *City Council Consent Item*

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**DATE:** May 15, 2023

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Council Members

**FROM:** Cameron Mull, Director of Parks & Recreation

**THROUGH:** Merritt Perry, City Manager

**SUBJECT:** **Parks & Recreation Monthly Report for April 2023**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive report as an informational item.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

**Director's Report**

- The Rohner Park dual basketball courts project began in April. Mercer-Fraser removed the old backboards & posts, removed the old court/ pavement, added base, and compacted the base. Since the lower substrate remained wet from winter rains, the base needs to dry out completely before being re-paved, new backboards & posts installed, acrylic surfacing painted (with striping), development of a concrete picnic area with planters, and fencing in the courts.
- The Firemen's Pavilion had the addition of volleyball striping painted on the wood floors (in white; contrasting with other sports striping), which were subsequently refinished with a strong indoor sport flooring finish. The Auto Xpo donated \$1,000 towards this project.
- The April 5<sup>th</sup> Rohner Community Recreation and Park District meeting was cancelled due to not enough updated items to report on, however, a USDA pre-application for a possible loan to fund the construction of a future aquatic center was in-process in April.

**Parks & Facility Maintenance** (non-routine items)

- Plumbing repairs were completed in bathrooms at Rohner Park, the Depot Museum, and the River Lodge
- Twelve cracked windows (from earthquakes) were replaced at the Depot Museum
- Parks and Transit staff completed CPR and First Aid training/ certifications
- Extensive infield work was performed at both park's ballfields for baseball & softball season
- Limb removal of an ash tree was performed in Rohner Park in order to accommodate space the new basketball court fencing
- Window chips and cracks in the Parks & Rec Office were repaired
- Turf damage was repaired along Scenic Loop in Rohner Park

- Painting was completed in the Rohner Park main cookshack ceiling following sheetrock repairs
- A shelving unit in the Rodeo cookshack was removed, per Fortuna Fire, to remove a barrier
- Extensive turf sweeping of fields at Newburg Park to remove excess grass clippings was completed
- Another break-in occurred in the Parks' locked pen/ yard and minor items were stolen
- Two/ both thermostat timer switches were replaced in the Firemen's Pavilion

**Depot Museum**

April's visitation total at the Fortuna Depot Museum was 183. This is in the middle range of our April visitation totals in recent years. Recent April visitor totals are 2022: 155, 2021: 100, 2020: closed, 2019: 172, 2018: 156, 2017: 194, 2016: 246, 2015: 253, 2014: 194. In April 2023 we welcomed California visitors from Berkeley, Crescent City, Eureka, Ferndale, Fortuna, Livermore, Los Angeles, McKinleyville, Petrolia, Rio Dell and Tustin, as well as out-of-state visitors from Oklahoma, Oregon and Utah.

**Fortuna Transit**

Passengers on the Fortuna Transit Bus totaled 734 trips during the month of April 2023. The lift was used for non-wheelchair riders 58 times and 87 times for wheelchair trips. The Fortuna Transit had 5 new riders during the month of April. The Eureka medical trips on Tuesdays have been going well averaging around 4-6 medical appointments per week.

	April 2022	April 2023	YTD ~ July 2021 – June 2022	YTD ~ July 2022 – June 2023
# of passengers	590	734	7713	7065
Total Miles	1779	2175	24885	21439
Service Miles	1611	2007	22710	19788
Hours Worked	235	285	3183.5	2728.25
Service Hours Worked	202.75	245.5	2671	2439.5

**Sports, Classes and Facility Rentals**

Results Fit Camp continues holding classes in the Pavilion, Rohner Rec Hall was rented 13 times during the month of April and the cook shack was rented four times. Fortuna High Baseball continues practices and games at Newburg Park, Girls Fastpitch started practices at Newburg Park and Little League started games and practices at Rohner and Newburg Parks.

**Recreation Programs**

April was spent planning and implementing our Spring Break Camp, which took place April 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>. We had 44 children registered for the 5-day camp, which included walking field trips to the Fortuna Library for Storytime.

Drop-in basketball on Thursday evenings closed out the winter/spring on Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup> with 5 players in attendance. Drop-in basketball will reopen in the fall. Drop-in volleyball continued through the month on Sunday evenings, with attendance ranging from 3-6 players per night. Drop-in volleyball was closed April 23<sup>rd</sup> due to Pavilion floor refinishing.

Our playgroup for kid's ages 0-5 and their caregivers, in partnership with First 5 Humboldt, also continued through April, every Thursday and Sunday from 10:30am – 12:30pm. The last Thursday Playgroup of the month Violet visited from the Fortuna Library to lead story time. Attendance ranged from 3-8 children at each session. Playgroup was closed Thursday 4/20 and Sunday 4/23 due to Pavilion floor refinishing.

Planning continued on the second annual Bike Rodeo, scheduled for Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. Geared toward youth ages 5-12, the event will bring together community groups and cycling advocates for a youth & family focused event designed to teach fundamental bicycle safety & skills.

Pickleball plays in the Pavilion on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 9am – 12pm and expanded to also offer Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6pm – 9pm, and the cost is \$3.00 and is open to anyone 18 years of age or older.

### **Roller Skating**

The Fortuna Skating Rink was open for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday Public Skate through the month of April, with the exception of the week of April 17-23<sup>rd</sup> due the Pavilion floors being refinished. Over the course of April the skating rink hosted 15 private parties with 387 attendees, and in addition to the 745 skaters that attended public skate, hosted an overall total of 1,132 skaters over the course of the month. We also continued hosting a high school volunteer at the rink who completed 48 volunteer hours at the rink in April.

### **Community Service**

The Parks & Recreation Department had two people signed up to perform Community Service, and workers completed 20 hours throughout the months of April. The Community Service Work Program is a big part of the parks' success. The workers help with trash pickup and various basic maintenance projects in Rohner and Newburg Parks, the River Lodge, and other Parks-maintained spaces throughout the City. Since the program started in 1997, there have been 53,248.5 service hours completed in the throughout the City of Fortuna.

### **RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:**

Receive Parks & Recreation Department Monthly Report. Consent agenda Vote.