

STAFF REPORT

City Council Consent Item

DATE: February 21, 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 January 2023

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Receive report as an informational item.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Director's Report

- The chimney located at the Monday Club was demolished by Wendt Construction, due to a safety hazard that existed following the 6.4 earthquake on 12/20/22. The City is in the process of identifying funding sources in order to repair/ replace the chimney, with engineering plans for its replacement to be determined at a later date.
- Three USDA Rural Grant applications were submitted in January for River Lodge improvement projects: replacement of the window blinds/ coverings, replacement of the wheelchair lift, and an exterior stain. All grant projects require a 45% match, in which the City will identify the ideal funding sources, if awarded.
- The City is in the final stages of submittals for the Rohner Park basketball court rehab project with contractor Mercer-Fraser, in which the Notice to Proceed is expected to occur in February 2023, with the project likely completed in late spring or early summer. This project will replace the single court with two newly paved and painted fenced-in courts, and is funded by Measure E.
- The regularly scheduled Rohner Community Recreation and Park District (RCRPD) monthly meeting was cancelled on 1/4, due to lack of pertinent agenda items or updates since the December meeting.

Parks & Facility Maintenance

- Painted the men's restroom door at Newburg Park due to vandalism
- Repaired water leak on the rodeo restrooms
- Painted over graffiti on the Rohner Park cook shack
- Replaced two lights and cleaned graffiti at the River Lodge Outlook
- Repaired a leak on the Monday Club roof
- Cleaned out the bike park drains

- Removed tree branches at Newburg Park on Rohnerville Road, the entrance to Rohner forest and Kenmar triangle
- Replaced bad lights in the Pavilion
- Touched up the paint and did sheetrock work in the River Lodge due to earthquake damage
- Cleaned the Museum light fixtures
- Repaired the sink aerator at the River Lodge
- Cleaned graffiti in the bus stops
- Repaired bad flusher on the urinal at City Hall
- Replaced bad ballast on Monday Club porch
- Repaired River Lodge light fixtures
- Electrical work in the Pavilion
- Patched leaks in three storage containers
- Reinstall the new brass electrical receptacle cover on the River Lodge floor
- Repaired the projector screen at the River Lodge
- Took down Christmas lights and decoration at the Museum and River Lodge

Depot Museum

January’s visitation total at the Fortuna Depot Museum was 197 people. This is at the high end of the range of our pre-COVID January visitation totals. Recent years’ January visitor totals were: 2022: 128, 2021: 17 (open for only five days in the month), 2020: 159, 2019: 194, 2018: 153, 2017: 150, 2016: 184, 2015: 251, 2014: 198. In January 2023, we welcomed California visitors from Arcata, Eureka, Fortuna, Healdsburg, McKinleyville, Shelter Cove and Thousand Oaks. We also welcomed out-of-state visitors from Florida, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Oregon and Texas. Our January 2023 visitors included 38 people with College of the Redwoods’ Social Opportunity Class.

Fortuna Transit

Passengers on the Fortuna Transit Bus totaled 744 trips during the month of January 2023. The lift was used for non-wheelchair riders 73 times and 51 times for wheelchair trips. The Fortuna Transit had 10 new riders during the month of January. The Eureka medical trips on Tuesdays have been going well averaging around 3-6 medical appointments per week.

	January 2022	January 2023	YTD ~ July 2021 – June 2022	YTD ~ July 2022 – June 2023
# of passengers	613	744	7713	4793
Total Miles	1757	2099	24885	14689
Service Miles	1638	1943	22710	13528
Hours Worked	209.5	268.25	3183.5	1828.25
Service Hours Worked	179	230	2671	1661.5

Sports, Classes and Facility Rentals

Results Fit Camp continues holding classes in the Pavilion, Rohner Rec Hall was used 5 times during the month of January and also hosted the SBA Disaster Assistance for 3 weeks Monday - Friday.

Recreation Programs

The first week of January was the final week of our Winter Break Camp for kids 5-12 years old. We had 48 children registered for the 2-week program. Camp included Library field trips for our younger campers for story time, as well as a special guest visitor, with the Arcata Playhouse Wagon who led a couple theatre-arts themed activities. We utilized a volunteer with Reaching for Independence who assisted leaders with facilitating activities, for a total of 12 volunteer hours served with camp. Planning and development also began for the Presidents' Week Break Camp coming up in February.

The 2023 Hot Shots Youth Basketball program for youth in Kindergarten through 4th grade began the month with player evaluations (the first time it has been implemented) and 3 Skills & Drills clinics took place over the 3 Saturdays remaining in January. We utilized a number of volunteers during Skills & Drills clinics, totaling over 50 hours. Well over half of the 307 registered players attended the free pre-season clinics. New training protocols and procedures were also developed for Hot Shots referees, as well as new procedures and information for our volunteer coaches.

Drop-in volleyball on Sunday evenings & drop-in basketball on Thursday evenings continued throughout January, with attendance ranging from 7-16 players per night at volleyball & 4-16 players per night at basketball. Drop-in Volleyball was closed Sunday 1/29 due to the primary volunteer facilitator being out of town.

Our playgroup for kid's ages 0-5 and their caregivers, in partnership with First 5 Humboldt, also continued through January, every Thursday and Sunday from 10:30am – 12:30pm, with the exception of Sunday January 1, when playgroup was closed for the New Year holiday. Attendance ranged from 1-12 children at each session in January.

Skating

The Fortuna Skating Rink was open for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday Public Skate in January (closed Saturday 1/14 due to leaks from heavy storm). There were only two private parties offered on Saturdays in January due to Hot Shots program usage in the mornings. Over the course of the month, the skating rink hosted 13 private parties with 378 attendees, and in addition to the 1000 skaters that attended public skate, hosted an overall total of 1,378 skaters in the month of January.

Community Service

The Parks & Recreation Department had 4 people signed up to perform Community Service, and workers completed 46 hours throughout the months of January. 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 53214.75 service hours completed in the throughout the City of Fortuna.

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:

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