

STAFF REPORT

City Council Consent Item

DATE: April 17, 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 March 2023**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Receive report as an informational item.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Director's Report

- The Rohner Community Recreation and Park District (RCRPD) held their regularly scheduled monthly meeting on 3/1/23. The next steps discussed for the district are to complete a pre-loan application with the USDA, which could fund the construction of an aquatic center. If awarded, the financial model for the construction of the pool would be finalized (including a significant initial donation from a local donor, who may also be willing to fund the construction loan payoff for up to 30 years). After the funding is secured, RCRPD can proceed with an engineer's report before going to the public for a Benefit Assessment (per parcel tax vote.)
- The Rohner Park outdoor basketball (two) court project start-date was tentatively moved, due to inclement weather, to the beginning of April. This project is being funded by Measure E.

Parks & Facility Maintenance (non-routine items)

- All 90 total chairs at the Monday Club were steam-cleaned, and all 60 total at the Rohner Rec Hall were cleaned
- A theft occurred in the locked yard/ pen behind the Firemen's Pavilion, where multiple items were damaged and stolen. Most items were recovered from the thieves the following morning (with assistance from FPD) after reviewing camera footage, and the value of damages and stolen property was approximately \$1,700
- Due to heavy winds, debris and trash were cleared in the parks and on Fortuna Blvd.
- Graffiti behind the Rohner Park Cook Shack and Rohner Park entry sign was painted over
- Gravel work was performed between the Rohner Rec Hall and Parks & Rec office rear
- A bathroom fan motor was replaced at the Monday Club
- Gutters and downspouts were cleared of debris in Rohner Park, Newburg Park and the Monday Club facilities

- Water leaks were remedied on the Firemen’s Pavilion
- Graffiti was cleaned up at the Smith Ln. bus stop
- Janitorial duties were started by the Park Dept. after the Facility Custodian went on a leave of absence
- Electrical receptacles were replaced at multiple locations
- Tree work was performed at Newburg Park and along Rohnerville Rd.
- Electrical repairs were made in the FBID office at the Monday Club due to rats chewing on wiring
- All annual Special Event plans were updated in preparation for the 2023 season
- Two dead trees adjacent to the Rodeo grandstands were removed by a sub-contractor of PG&E, however hazardous logs were left behind that needed to be removed immediately to prevent injury or facility damage
- A water leak was identified in the Rohner main cookshack, so joint compound was added to stop the leak, and the sheetrock was then sanded and recoated with paint
- A broken concrete picnic table near the Tot Lot in Rohner Park was dismantled, removed due to cracking and breaking, to eliminate a safety hazard. A replacement will be installed in the near future
- The chain-link fencing to the Park’s locked yard/ pen was again broken into, though no items were identified as damaged or stolen, the fencing need to be repaired
- Weather stripping was installed on the Monday Club front double doors to prevent cold air flow inside, save on utilities
- A dying and leaning maple tree overhanging the parking lot near the Conroy Field in Rohner Park was removed for safety prevention

Depot Museum

The March 2023 visitor total at the Fortuna Depot Museum was 201 people. This is in the standard range for our March visitation totals in recent pre-COVID years. Recent March visitor totals are 2022: 198, 2021: 76, 2020: 89, 2019: 207, 2018: 217, 2017: 186, 2016: 167, 2015: 301, 2014: 234, 2013: 240. In March 2023 we welcomed California visitors from Arcata, Eureka, Fortuna, McKinleyville, Red Bluff and Redlands, as well as out-of-state visitors from Arizona and Colorado. Our visitors this March included a group tour of seven people from Sequoia Springs Senior Living Community.

Fortuna Transit

Passengers on the Fortuna Transit Bus totaled 853 trips during the month of March 2023. The lift was used for non-wheelchair riders 88 times and 72 times for wheelchair trips. The Fortuna Transit had 11 new riders during the month of March. The Eureka medical trips on Tuesdays have been going well averaging around four to six medical appointments per week.

	March 2022	March 2023	YTD ~ July 2021 – June 2022	YTD ~ July 2022 – June 2023
# of passengers	652	853	7713	6331
Total Miles	1947	2031	24885	19264
Service Miles	1829	1908	22710	17781

Hours Worked	232.25	269	3183.5	2443.25
Service Hours Worked	203.75	232	2671	2194

Sports, Classes and Facility Rentals

Results Fit Camp continues holding classes in the Pavilion, Pickleball plays in the Pavilion on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 9am – 12pm and Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6pm – 9pm the cost is \$3.00 and is open to anyone 18 years of age or older. Rohner Rec Hall was rented nine times during the month of March and Fortuna High Baseball continues practices and games at Newburg Park, Girls Fastpitch Softball started practices at Newburg Park and Eel River Little League started games and practices at Rohner and Newburg Parks.

Recreation Programs

The 2023 Hot Shots Youth Basketball program for youth in Kindergarten through 4th grade finished their 2023 season the second weekend of March. This year’s program has 307 children registered across 42 teams. Our program utilizes volunteer coaches, assistant coaches, and referees when able. In the month of March, our volunteer hours totaled 102.75 hours.

Drop-in volleyball on Sunday evenings & drop-in basketball on Thursday evenings continued throughout March (less one Sunday Volleyball closure due to volunteer facilitator being out) with attendance ranging from 6-8 players per night at volleyball & 5-33 players per night at basketball.

Our playgroup for kid’s ages newborn to five and their caregivers, in partnership with First-5 Humboldt, also continued through February, 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 2-20 children at each session.

Planning also began on this year’s Bike Rodeo, scheduled for Saturday, May 13th. 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.

Roller Skating

The Fortuna Skating Rink was open for Friday, and Sunday Public Skate the first two weekends in March while Hot Shots Youth Basketball program finished the 2023 season Saturdays. Saturday skate returned on March 18th and the rink returned to all 3 days of Public Skate for the rest of the month. In the month of March, the skating rink hosted 13 private parties with 307 attendees, and in addition to the 1,035 skaters that attended public skate, hosted an overall total of 1,405 skaters over the course of the month. We also began hosting a high school volunteer at the rink who completed 29 volunteer hours in March at the rink.

Community Service

The Parks & Recreation Department had two people signed up to perform Community Service, and workers did not complete any hours throughout the months of March. 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 53,228.5 service hours completed in the throughout the City of Fortuna.

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:

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