

STAFF REPORT

City Council Consent Item

DATE: February 20, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Kathy Rexford, Recreation/Transportation Admin Supervisor

THROUGH: Merritt Perry, City Manager

SUBJECT: **Parks & Recreation Monthly Report for January 2024**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Receive report as an informational item.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Parks & Facility Maintenance (non-routine items)

- Continued hot water heater flushing
- Picnic table repairs
- Continued cleanup in the Director office shampooing the carpet/kitchen cabinet paint job
- Cleaned all park signs removing the moss and mold
- Replaced the bad ballast at Chamber of Commerce main lights.
- Repaired toilet water line not working at Chamber of Commerce.
- Removed the broken tree branch at Newburg Park by soccer one.
- Removed the hazard tree branch on Rohnerville road.
- Continued the hedge job by the rodeo grounds.
- Touched up painting in the pavilion.
- Repaired the leak in our container roof
- Troubleshoot at River Lodge with the heaters/thermostats not working correctly.

Depot Museum

January's visitor total at the Fortuna Depot Museum was 227 people, our highest January total since 2015. January visitation totals in recent previous years were: 2023: 197, 2022: 128, 2021: 17 (closed half of month), 2020: 159, 2019: 194, 2018: 153, 2017: 150, 2016: 184, 2015: 251, 2014: 198. In January 2024 we welcomed California visitors from Castro Valley, Crescent City, East Garrison, Eureka, Ferndale, Fortuna, Loma Linda, Los Angeles, Monterey, Redcrest, Rio Dell and Weott. We also welcomed out-of-state visitors from Arkansas, Arizona, Georgia, Idaho and Washington.

A new seasonal exhibit in connection with Lunar New Year (February 10) was installed and will be on display through the month of February, highlighting Humboldt's 19th-century Chinese community. The "100 Years Ago" exhibit has been updated to feature newspapers, books and sheet music from the year 1924.

Fortuna Transit

Passengers on the Fortuna Transit Bus totaled 909 trips during the month of January 2024 which is 164 more riders than January 2023. The lift was used for non-wheelchair riders 78 times and 51 times for wheelchair trips. The Fortuna Transit had five new riders during the month of January. The Eureka medical trips on Tuesdays have been going well averaging around 4-6 medical appointments per week.

	January 2023	January 2024	YTD ~ July 2022 – June 2023	YTD ~ July 2023 – June 2024
# of passengers	744	909	7713	5795
Total Miles	2099	2582	24885	16581
Service Miles	1943	2402	22710	15513
Hours Worked	268.25	326.25	3183.5	2088
Service Hours Worked	230	282.75	2671	1748.25

Sports, Classes and Facility Rentals

Results Fit Camp continues to hold classes in the Pavilion six times a week, Pickleball plays in the Pavilion on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 9am – 12pm the cost is \$3.00 and is open to anyone 18 years of age or older. Drop in Basketball for ages 15 and up is held in the Pavilion on Thursday evenings from 8pm - 9:30pm the cost is \$3.00. Drop in volley ball is held in the Pavilion on Sundays ages 11 and under from 5pm – 7:30pm and 12 and up from 7:30pm – 9:30pm and the cost is \$3.00 per person. Rohner Rec Hall was used eight times during the month of January.

Community Service

The Parks & Recreation Department had five people signed up to perform Community Service, and workers completed 12 hours throughout the month of January. 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 53,606 service hours completed in the throughout the City of Fortuna.

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:

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