

STAFF REPORT

City Council Consent Item

DATE: April 15, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Heather Leigh Stevens, Parks and Recreation Director

THROUGH: Merritt Perry, City Manager

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

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Receive report as an informational item.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Parks & Facility Maintenance (non-routine items)

- Replacement of two bad ballasts and 13 burnt out bulbs at the Pavilion
- Install new safety pads at the Rohner Park outdoor basketball court
- Chip delivery for Garden Club
- Install new trim boards at the cook shack patio
- Remove low hanging tree branch at Rohner Park picnic tables by Pavilion Field
- Address plumbing issues at River Lodge
- Pick up and deliver 50 chairs to Library
- Remove bags of ivy from forest project
- Paint the washes brown for the bird netting project at River Lodge
- Check drain inlets and the hillside drains before storm
- Unplug the hillside drainage culvert and repair damaged roadway on the hillside
- Inspect and repair River Lodge roof leak over women's restroom
- Re-gravel pathway to the bike pump track at Newburg Park
- Caulk Monday Club kitchen windows
- Replace sink aerator at River Lodge men's restroom

Depot Museum

March's visitor total at the Fortuna Depot Museum was 199 people. This is well within the standard range for our recent March visitation totals (not factoring in the 2020-21 pandemic years). Recent years' March visitor totals were: 2023: 201, 2022: 198, 2021: 76, 2020: 89, 2019: 207, 2018: 217, 2017: 186, 2016: 167, 2015: 301, 2014: 334. In March 2024 we welcomed California visitors from Arcata, Crescent City, Eureka, Ferndale, Fortuna, Livermore and Scotia, as well as out-of-state visitors from Nevada, Ohio and Oregon. We installed a seasonal exhibit in

the museum front room’s display case, featuring spring-themed art, sheet music, magazines, books and antique postcards from the Depot Museum collection.

Transit

Passengers on the Fortuna Transit Bus totaled 837 trips during the month of March 2024 which was 16 riders less than March 2023. The lift was used for non-wheelchair riders 59 times and 32 times for wheelchair trips. The Fortuna Transit had 14 new riders during the month of March. To date, we have had 1183 less riders in 23-24 fiscal year than in 22-23. The Eureka Medical trips on Tuesdays have been going well averaging around 3-4 medical appointments per week.

	March 2023	March 2024	YTD~July 2022- June 2023	YTD~July 2023- June 2024
# of Passengers	853	837	8650	7467
Total Miles	2544	2327	26059	21273
Service Miles	2345	2204	24104	19922
Total Hours Worked	346	310.75	3345.25	2698.75
Service Hours Worked	300.5	272.25	2942.75	2283

Classes, Rentals and Sports

Results Fit Camp continues holding 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. Rohner Rec Hall was utilized for several user group meetings as well as AARP tax help for seniors. It was rented 3 times for personal usage.

Adult Basketball League kicked off this month. Fees are \$5 for Fortuna residents and \$10 for non-residents. Games are played in the evenings at both Fortuna High School gyms Monday through Thursdays, from beginning of March through the second to last week of April. There are a total of 224 adults registered for 3 separate divisions: men’s upper division, men’s lower division, and women’s division. The men’s lower division has 91 players on 8 teams, the men’s upper division has 64 players on 6 teams, and the women’s division has 6 teams. This program also staffs 2 referees, and a book keeper/ someone to run the scoreboard for each game. There are 3-6 games each night and we have started training new part-time employees to get involved with the program.

Recreation Programs

During the month of March we finished the remainder of the youth Hot Shots Basketball Program. The program served 272 children ranging from Kindergarten to Fourth grade, which were divided into 32 different teams. The games were held at both Toddy Thomas gym and the Firemen’s Pavilion.

The Fortuna Parks and Recreation Playgroup, in partnership with First 5 Humboldt, is held on Thursdays from 10:30-12:30 in the Firemen’s Pavilion. The program is available for ages 0-5 and their caregivers to attend to socialize, receive support, and to be involved with the

community. For the month of March, we held four playgroups with a total attendance of 99 participants.

Also held in the Firemen's Pavilion is our Drop-in volleyball program. Throughout March, we held four drop-in volleyball nights with a total attendance of 91 participants, 64 of those being under 14 years old.

As we are preparing for the future of our department and the programs within, we currently have 20 young adults staffed that are able to gain not only specific workplace skills and knowledge, but also make meaningful connections to our communities' youth and families.

Roller Skating

The Fortuna Skating Rink offered Public Skate on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays all through March, with the exception of the last Sunday of the month. 681 skaters were served over the course of 14 Public Skate events, along with seven semi-private skate parties held during those public skate hours. We also hosted 19 private parties, two of which were school fieldtrips, which served 650 community members for the month of March.

Community Service

The Parks & Recreation Department currently has two people signed up to perform Community Service with a total of 20.25 hours served in the month of March.

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:

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