

STAFF REPORT

City Council Consent Item

DATE: March 18, 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 February 2024**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Receive report as an informational item.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Parks & Facility Maintenance (non-routine items)

- Complete Monday Club hand rail
- Repair broken receptacles and finish painting by Pavilion stage
- Move 120 chairs from to Pavilion to Rec Hall for Saturday Hot Shots
- Weekend Hot Shots set up in the Pavilion and Toddy Thomas
- Pick up green waste from the Garden Club at 12th and L
- Prep and paint the Pavilion Game Room, Party Room, portable picnic tables and bleachers
- Annual fire extinguisher inspection
- Adjust the door sensor at the Library
- Wash the front windows at City Hall inside and out
- Tree work in the Rodeo Grounds including fallen tree removal
- Clean up the graffiti in the Rodeo Grounds and repair the damaged floorboards on bleachers
- Address plumbing and electrical issues at River Lodge
- Repair the rolling wall at River Lodge
- Pick up and deliver 50 new chairs to Rec Hall
- Reinstall slippery when wet sign on the A-frame by Carson Woods Road walking bridge
- Respond to citizen concern by sprinkling some sand on the slippery bridge for traction control
- Get measurements for bird netting on the south and west sides of River Lodge
- Used the concrete grinder to eliminate the water puddle at River Lodge dumpster area
- Make plan for sheet rock work to eliminate impact before Chamber event

Depot Museum

February's visitation total at the Fortuna Depot Museum was 198 people. This is in the middle range for our February visitor totals. Visitation totals for February in recent previous years were: 2023: 239, 2022: 168, 2021: 22 (open four days), 2020: 213, 2019: 133, 2018: 264, 2017: 180, 2016: 168, 2015: 205, 2014: 162. In February 2024 we welcomed California visitors from Anderson, Arcata, Eureka, Fortuna, Sacramento and San Diego, as well as out-of-state visitors from New York, Oregon and Washington. The "100 Years Ago" exhibit continues to be regularly updated, with displayed newspapers usually being

from precisely 100 years ago to the day. A temporary seasonal exhibit installed for Lunar New Year, featuring photographs and newspaper advertisements relating to the Chinese community in Humboldt County in the 19th century, was on display through the month of February. 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 835 trips during the month of February 2024 which is **150 more** riders than February 2023. The lift was used for non-wheelchair riders 72 times and 41 times for wheelchair trips. The Fortuna Transit had 7 new riders during the month of February. To date we have had 1152 more riders in 23-24 fiscal year than in 22-23. The Eureka medical trips on Tuesdays have been averaging around five medical appointments per week.

	Feb 2023	Feb 2024	YTD ~ July 2022 – June 2023	YTD ~ July 2023 – June 2024
# of passengers	685	835	7713	6630
Total Miles	2031	2365	24885	18946
Service Miles	1908	2205	22710	17718
Hours Worked	269	300	3183.5	2388
Service Hours Worked	232	262.5	2671	2010.75

Classes, Rentals and Sports

Results Fit Camp continues holding classes in the Pavilion six time 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. The Rohner Rec Hall was used 14 times and the cook shack area was used 1 time during the month of February. The managers meeting for Adult League Basketball took place on February 13th and we have 21 teams in the league this year, the games will start in March.

Recreation Programs

February kicked off with the youth Hot Shots Basketball Program having a total of 272 children registered and divided into 32 teams. Kindergarten through Second Grade games are played at the Firemen’s Pavilion and the Third and Fourth grade teams play their games at Toddy Thomas. Drop-in volleyball and basketball programs continued to be held in the Firemen’s Pavilion. Throughout February, four drop-in volleyball nights with a total attendance of 85 participants, 60 of those being under 17 years old, and five drop-in basketball nights with a total attendance of 90 participants.

Playgroup, in partnership with First 5 Humboldt, was held on Thursdays from 10:30-12:30 in the Firemen’s Pavilion. This program is available for ages 0-5 and their caregivers to attend to socialize, receive support, and to be a part of the community. For the month of February, five playgroups were held with a total attendance of 138.

President’s Week Break Camp was held from February 20th to February 23, 2024. Throughout this four day break program, 37 campers were able to enjoy skating, art and cooking projects, playing basketball and other games, taking advantage of any sunshine, and ended the week with a fun pajama day! There are

currently have 16 young adults staffing in our department that are able to gain workplace skills and knowledge, and 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 February. The Women's Auxiliary funded the Public Skate on February 25th, where they purchased free skate passes for the public to attend on their behalf. This one day alone there were 55 attendees and a total of 547 skaters served over the course of nine Public Skate events this month. We also hosted 7 private parties available to book on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, that served 182 community members for the month of February.

Community Service

The Parks & Recreation Department currently has two people signed up to perform Community Service. The Parks Department did not have any community service workers complete any hours in the month of February.

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:

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