

# STAFF REPORT

## *City Council Consent Item*

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**DATE:** May 20, 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 April 2024

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive report as an informational item.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

#### **Parks & Facility Maintenance** (non-routine items)

- New employee training
- Install bird netting at River Lodge
- Replace broken clock in Pavilion
- Install four new smoke detectors in Rohner Park and Newburg Park exterior restrooms
- Replace battery from Kubota tractor
- Continue mowing efforts to fields
- Graffiti clean-up at Rodeo grounds
- “Every 15 Minutes” set-up at High School
- Repaired bad lights on Hard Ball 2 scoreboard
- Helped Garden Club with bush removal on the 12<sup>th</sup> and L corner
- Clean up broken glass at the Rodeo grounds
- Electrical trouble shooting the inoperable Bartow Field lights

#### **Depot Museum**

April’s visitor total at the Fortuna Depot Museum was 174 people. This is in the middle range for our April visitation totals in recent year. Recent previous years’ April visitation totals were: 2023: 183, 2022: 155, 2021: 100, 2020: closed, 2019: 172, 2018: 156, 2017: 194, 2016: 246, 2015: 253, 2014: 194. In April 2024 we welcomed California visitors from Arcata, Eureka, Ferndale, Fortuna, McKinleyville and San Jose, as well as out-of-state visitors from Iowa, Florida, Michigan, New York and Pennsylvania, and overseas visitors from the United Kingdom. Through the generous assistance of a museum visitor/member of the public, the Fortuna Depot Museum now has a YouTube channel featuring 30 local history/local interest videos, most of them digitized from videotapes in the museum’s collection. The visitor volunteered to cover the cost of having the tapes digitized and also put in volunteer hours to set up the channel and upload the videos. The channel went live in mid-April. As of May 2, it has 41 subscribers. The three videos with the

largest number of views to-date are “Tour of Fortuna 1985 and 1986 (Jerry Hurley)” with 951 views, “Jack London in Fortuna (Ray Olson and Alex Service Interview)” with 496 views, and “Rodeo Week 1986” with 297 views. The channel can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/@FortunaDepotMuseum>.

**Transit**

The follow and table below pertains to the corrected Transit numbers for March 2024. 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 1136 more 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	7713	7467
Total Miles	2544	2327	24885	21273
Service Miles	2345	2204	22710	19922
Total Hours Worked	346	310.75	3183.5	2698.75
Service Hours Worked	300.5	272.25	2671	2283

Passengers on the Fortuna Transit Bus totaled 984 trips during the month of April 2024. 250 riders more than April 2023. The lift was used for non-wheelchair riders 55 times and 46 times for wheelchair trips. The Fortuna Transit had 9 new riders during the month of April. To date, we have had 1386 more 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.

	April 2023	April 2024	YTD~July 2022- June 2023	YTD~July 2023- June 2024
# of Passengers	734	984	7713	8451
Total Miles	2175	2633	24885	23906
Service Miles	2007	2455	22710	22377
	285	409.25	3183.5	3108

Total Hours Worked				
Service Hours Worked	245.5	289.75	2671	2572.75

**Classes, Rentals and Sports**

For the month of April, the Pavilion was rented on a weekly basis for skate parties. It also gets used regularly for Pickleball from 9-12 on Mondays, Wednesday, and Fridays. Pickleball is a \$3 drop-in program that is open to anyone 18 and up. Results Fit Camp also holds classes in the Pavilion four times a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Rohner Recreation Hall was utilized for several user group meetings, as well as, AARP tax help for seniors. We also used the Rec Hall for our Spring Break Camp and it was rented five times in April for non-regular private events. The Adult Basketball League finished off the last of its games towards the end of April. This 2024 season we had 224 adults that participated. We received a lot of good feedback from this season, and are already excited for the 2025 season when it gets here!

**Recreation Programs**

The Fortuna Parks and Recreation Playgroup, in partnership with First 5 Humboldt, was held on Thursdays and Fridays from 10-12pm at the Monday Club. The program is available for ages 0-5 and their caregivers to attend to socialize, receive support, and to be involved with the community. We had been working very hard to transition our Playgroup from the Firemen’s Pavilion to the Monday Club. For the month of April, we held eight playgroups, we had a total attendance of 146. 79 of those being children from ages 0-5. Being held in the Firemen’s Pavilion is our Drop-in volleyball program. Throughout April we held 4 drop-in volleyball nights with a total attendance of 32 participants. We are looking to start our Drop-in basketball program up again soon now that the adult league season has concluded. During the month of April, we hosted our Spring Break camp from April 15<sup>th</sup>- 18<sup>th</sup>, that served 147 children from ages 5-12. We averaged about 29 campers per day, and employed six of our part-time staff members working throughout the week of camp. The camp was focused around Earth Day, so our arts and crafts, cooking projects, and other activities, stuck to that theme. The weather was great too, so when the campers were not skating in the rink we had them outside playing on the playground, in the field or basketball court playing games, or on a hike! We finished the week with water balloon fun which cooled everyone down, but kept the excitement for hot Summer FUN on all our minds.

**Roller Skating**

The Fortuna Skating Rink offered Public Skate on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays all through April with a total of 12 Public Skate Events. Of those 12 events we had a total attendance of 578 public served. The Fortuna Skating Rink also hosts Private Skate Parties, mainly taking place on Fridays through Sundays, but we have been hosting a lot of school field trips now that it’s getting towards the end of the school year. In April we hosted 19 Private Skate parties serving 438 community members.

**Community Service**

The Parks & Recreation Department currently has four people signed up to perform Community Service with a total of 28.25 hours served in the month of April.

**RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:**

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