

STAFF REPORT

City Council Consent Item

DATE: October 21, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Heather Leigh Stevens, Parks and Recreation Director

THROUGH: Amy Nilsen, Interim City Manager

SUBJECT: **Parks and Recreation Department Monthly Report for September 2024**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Receive report as an informational item.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Parks & Facility Maintenance (Non-Routine Items)

- Replace the tot lot swing due to damage over the weekend
- Patch leaking overhang roof at Monday Club with black jack roof patch
- Inspect and repair damages from Firemens Pavilion break-in
- Replace and paint four broken spindles at the Monday club (due to vandalism)
- Install new chain on Firemens Pavilion door
- Install the new refrigerator gaskets at River Lodge
- Irrigation repairs at the 6 rivers island
- River lodge landscaping chips 6yds total spread in the areas needed
- Installed the new ceiling fan in the men's restroom at the Rec Hall
- Replace the bad mutt mitt dispenser (due to vandalism)
- Install the new trailer jack
- Irrigation repairs at Newburg Park picnic area
- Replace the two bad emergency light on the Monday Club porch
- Replaced the broken time-release faucet at the Rohner Park men's restroom due to vandalism
- Gather all City Hall e-waste and dispose
- Patched the leaking gutter above the Genealogy Society
- Remove the yellow jacket nest in the forest
- Library irrigation repairs and cleanup green waste from Garden Club
- Park staff removed 3,680 lbs of non-native plant debris from the Rohner Park forest
- Repaired truck tool box and low/high beam lights
- Cleaned debris/trash from bus stops and River Lodge premise
- Irrigation repair at the Kenmar triangle Island
- Creek maintenance: pump the water out of the puddle area make adjustments to prevent back filling
- Weed whipping and clean up at the Monday Club lot
- Seal up the gas leak in the Rohner Park Cookshack stove
- Fencing repair at the Bartow by the batting cage

- Replaced the bad Rec Hall light that is flashing
- Installed wheel on the sagging yellow metal gate at Rohner Park Scenic Loop
- Prep for apple harvest vendor booth set up
- 99.75 hours of staff time dedicated to Fortuna Boulevard beautification

Depot Museum

September’s visitor total at the Fortuna Depot Museum was 174 people. This is in the standard range for September visitation totals in the past decade, and it is the highest September visitation total in the Covid/post-Covid era. September visitor totals in recent years were: 2023: 157, 2022: 169, 2021: 144, 2020: 76, 2019: 186, 2018: 243, 2017: 261, 2016: 179, 2015: 203, 2014: 206. In September 2024, we welcomed California visitors from Chico, Eureka, Ferndale, Fortuna, Gazelle, Hornbrook, Redcrest and San Diego, as well as out-of-state visitors from Colorado, Idaho and Washington. A special temporary exhibit was installed by members of the Sons and Daughters of Italy, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the local Sons of Italy chapter.

Transit

Passengers on the Fortuna Transit Bus totaled 925 trips during the month of September 2024 which was 138 riders more than September 2023. The lift was used for non-wheelchair riders 69 times and 49 times for wheelchair trips. We had 13 new riders register during the month of September. The Eureka Medical trips on Tuesdays continue to average around 3-4 medical appointments per week. Our 2nd Thursday monthly shopping trips to Eureka have had 5 to 10 riders.

	September 2023	September 2024	YTD July 2023-June 2024	YTD July 2024-June 2025
# of Passengers	787	925	2336	3078
Total Miles	2257	2552	6661	8493
Service Miles	2116	2390	6281	7951
Total Hours Worked	260	297.25	847	968.75
Service Hours Worked	216.5	261	670.25	857.25

Rentals

There were five Cook Shack/Picnic/Deep Pit rentals and two Recreation Hall rentals. Additionally, a recurring schedule was established for several regular user groups, such as the Genealogical Society, Cub Scouts, Eel River Little League and Eel River Youth Soccer League. We will be hosting the Annual FFA Green Hand conference and 2 Cross Country meets in the park in the next couple of weeks. Results Fit Camp continues to hold classes in the Pavilion four times a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Recreation

There were 70 children, aged 0-5, and 62 caregivers at the eight playgroup sessions held at the Monday Club. Adult Drop-in Pickleball takes place in the Pavilion on Mondays,

Wednesdays, and Fridays 9am-12pm. Adult Co-Ed Slowpitch Softball Season continued at Newburg Park throughout the month with a total of 10 teams and 143 players. We held 12 Public Skate nights, Fridays and Saturdays from 6:30-9:30pm and Sundays from 1:30-4:30pm, with 266 skaters. There were 14 Private Skate Parties with 342 guests.

Community Service

In collaboration with the Humboldt County Probation Department, three Community Service Workers helped with park maintenance, serving a total of 48 work hours this month.

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:

Receive Parks and Recreation Department Monthly Report. Consent Agenda vote.