

STAFF REPORT

City Council Consent Item

DATE: December 16, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Heather Leigh Stevens, Parks and Recreation Director

THROUGH: Amy Nilsen, City Manager

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

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Receive report as an informational item.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Parks & Facility Maintenance (Non-Routine Items)

- Repair broken soap dispensers in the men’s restroom due to vandalism
- Patch the hole in the River Lodge’s metal roof over the Fireside Room
- Install holiday lights at River Lodge
- Repair the rotting sub roofing in the River Lodge attic
- Troubleshoot and consult with electrician regarding Newburg field lights
- Carpet cleaning at City Hall
- Utilize lift truck to patch holes and cracks in the siding to prevent the rain water leaks
- Safety inspection at Monday Club and Recreation Hall chairs
- Obtain 200 more sand bags and maintain 20 prepared sandbags at all times
- Refurbish Pavilion floor (multi-day process)

Fortuna Depot Museum

November’s visitor total at the Fortuna Depot Museum was 185 people. This is in the high range of our November visitation totals, both before and since the Covid pandemic. Recent years’ November visitation totals were: 2023: 196, 2022: 139, 2021: 132, 2020: 53, 2019: 198, 2018: 191, 2017: 107, 2016: 143, 2015: 130, 2014: 186. In November 2024 we welcomed California visitors from Arcata, Berkeley, California City, Eureka, Fortuna, Hydesville, Miranda, Modesto, Mountain View, Pepperwood, Rio Dell, Sacramento, San Francisco, Santa Clara and Tehachapi. We also welcomed out-of-state visitors from Nevada, Oregon and Tennessee. Our November visitors included 30 people in a group tour from Hydesville Elementary School and 10 people in a group tour from the Southern Humboldt Garden Club. Fifty-nine people visited the museum on the Friday and Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend. At their meeting 11/13/24, the Fortuna Historical Commission voted to adopt new Sunday opening hours. The museum’s hours are now Thursday through Saturday 12:00—4:30 and Sunday 1:00—5:00.

Fortuna Transit

Passengers on the Fortuna Transit Bus totaled 627 trips during the month of November 2024 which was 201 riders less than November 2023. The lift was used for non-wheelchair riders 38 times and 41 times for wheelchair trips. We had 8 new riders register during the month of October. The Eureka Medical trips on Tuesdays continue to average around 5-6 medical appointments per week. Our November monthly shopping trip to Eureka had 9 riders. We will be postponing our December shopping trip at this time. With the exit of 2 of our drivers, we recorded 23 denied rides. We are looking forward to welcoming 2 new drivers and getting back on track for our dedicated riders.

	November 2023	November 2024	YTD July 2023-June 2024	YTD July 2024-June 2025
# of Passengers	828	627	3997	4800
Total Miles	2378	1631	11572	13095
Service Miles	2210	1456	10848	12129
Total Hours Worked	304.75	185	1469.25	1500.75
Service Hours Worked	268	168	1213.5	1328.75

Rentals

Effective November 1, the Parks and Recreation Office started to coordinate the Monday Club rentals (previously coordinated by River Lodge).

There was one Cook Shack/Picnic/Deep Pit rental, one Recreation Hall rental, seven Monday Club rentals, and one Firemens Pavilion rental. Additionally, several user groups, such as the Genealogical Society, Cub Scouts, Eel River Little League, Eel River Youth Soccer League, Emerald Football Club, Results Fit Camp, and Redwood Preparatory School continue to use our indoor and outdoor facilities on a regular basis.

On Thursday, November 21, Humboldt County Office of Emergency Services and Red Cross established an evacuation shelter at the Firemens Pavilion. All Firemens Pavilion rentals and recreational activities were cancelled for Thursday, November 21, and Friday, November 22. Fortuna Parks and Recreation was able to resume scheduled activities and rentals on Saturday, November 23.

Recreation

There was an accumulative daily attendance of 107 (56 children aged 0-5 and 51 caregivers) for the seven playgroup sessions held at the Monday Club in November.

Adult Drop-in Pickleball takes place in the Pavilion on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 9am-12pm. In November, we held 13 sessions with a total attendance of 232 participants.

Drop-in Volleyball started back up this month for anyone 15+, taking place on Sundays from 5-7pm in the Pavilion. In November, we held 4 sessions with a total attendance of 26 participants.

Drop-in Basketball also started back up this month for anyone 15+, taking place on Thursdays from 7:30-9:30pm in the Pavilion. In November, we held two sessions with a total attendance of 8 participants.

We held 11 Public Skate nights, Fridays and Saturdays from 6:30-9:30pm and Sundays from 1:30-4:30pm, with 369 skaters.

There were 15 Private Skate Parties with 351 guests.

The last week of November we held our Fall Break Camp for ages 5-12. November 25-27th, we had 20 campers registered for an accumulative daily attendance of 55 for the camp. Campers enjoyed arts & crafts, hands-on activities, hikes, indoor games in the Recreation Hall and outdoor games out on the Playground at Rohner Park. We also had one Leader in Training participate in camp for a total of 27 hours.

Community Service

In collaboration with the Humboldt County Probation Department, four Community Service Workers helped with park maintenance, serving a total of 45.5 work hours this month.

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:

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