



CITY OF MARATHON PARKS AND RECREATION

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To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
From: Jimmy Schmidt, Parks and Recreation Director
Through: Chuck Lindsey, City Manager
Subject: Parks and Recreation monthly report

Parks Programs

Skate Park attendance remained steady throughout the month of December. Visitors from other parts of the U.S. have utilized the park during Christmas/New Year weeks. The park continues to be open nightly with an attendant occasionally from 4-10pm. The park is open every morning around 8am and is without an attendant until 4pm. Daily attendance records kept with an attendant present show average daily use numbers fluctuate between 1-9.

Adult Basketball is ongoing throughout the entire year. The Parks and Recreation Department offers this program one night a week throughout the fall. Pickup games are each Wednesday night from 7:00-9:30pm at Marathon High School gym. Cost per person for each session is \$5 per night or \$30 for the school year. This program is for adults age 18 and older. A total of 37 have registered for and attended the fall program. To date, Andre Garvey, park staff, organizes and runs this program. Nightly attendance averages 12-18 for the fall program. This program will run until the end of the school year.

Andre Garvey, P& R staff, organized this event.

Adult Volleyball is ongoing throughout the school year and follows the same breaks as the Monroe County Schools calendar. Pickup games are on Monday nights from 7:00-9:30pm at Marathon High School gym. Cost per person for each session is \$5 per night or \$30 for the season. This program is for adults age 18 and older. Nightly attendance averages between 9-14 during this fall program. Andre Garvey, park staff, has organized and runs the program. yrstyn Ransom, P&R staff, organized this event.

Home School PE is for all ages of children who are home-schooled and wish to participate in a weekly PE program. This program meets on Tuesdays at 2pm for an hour each week during the school year calendar. This program is FREE. Austin Tubbs and Jaymie Robinson, Park Staff, organize and run this weekly. To date, 34 have registered. Ages range from 5-16. Average

attendance so far this school year is 22. The program follows the Monroe County School Calendar year.

Youth Basketball teams began practicing in December. This program is for ages 6-14 and the cost was \$40 for all children how registered prior to the program's start. The cost then increased to \$50. There are 120 players and 15 teams. Games will be played through February 17th and will end with awards on that date.

Holiday Lights took place November 25th at Community Park. Santa was brought to the festivities by a City of Marathon Fire Truck. Hot chocolate was served and cookies and desserts were generously donated by Publix. Many youngsters enjoyed decorating cookies while at the event. Lights were turned on in Phase I of the park and remained on each night through the new year. Many visitors enjoyed walking through the park and seeing the traditional and not-so-traditional light displays.

Thanksgiving Mini-Camp took place the three days prior to Thanksgiving at Community Park. A total of around 40 campers enjoyed field trips to a variety of places, including the Key West Conch Train, Boondocks Putt Putt golf, the Key West Eco Discovery Center, and the new splash pad that was nearby. Campers paid \$50 for the week or \$20 per day. Over fifty campers attended. Ali Adams, P&R staff, organized this event.

Havana Nights took place Saturday, November 10th, between 5-10 pm at Community Park soccer fields and amphitheater. Activities included dancing, a DJ, and domino tables with prizes. Arts and Craft activities were available for children and included making maracas. The Marathon High School Culinary Department sold food for this event. Charlotte Quinn, P&R staff, organized this event.

Taste of the Islands was a community event that was held at Community Park on Sunday, November 11th, from 11am-5pm. This event is organized annually by the Marathon BPW Club. Proceeds from this event go toward scholarships awarded to MHS students during the spring.

Under the Stars showed the movie *The Blind Side* on Saturday, November 17th. This was a free family movie at Community Park. Attendance was around 40. Charlotte Quinn, P&R staff, organized this event.

Upcoming Programs

Start Smart Basketball registration opened on December 15th. This is a beginner program for ages 4-5 as an introduction to the basic skills of basketball. The program will provide age-appropriate equipment and will meet on Saturday mornings at MHS gym. Registration is now open and this program begins January 12th at 9am. Cost is \$40 and skill taught will include shooting, passing, and team-work. Coach Andre Garvey, Parks and Recreation Staff, organizes this event.

Under the Stars will show the movie *Elf*, rescheduled from its December date. It will be shown at the Community Park amphitheater on Saturday night, January 19th, starting at dusk. This is free for all ages. Bring a blanket, chairs, coolers, and any snacks. Charlotte Quinn, P & R staff, organized this event. Charlotte Quinn, P & R staff, organized this event.

Family Fun Fest is an annual event offered by the Parks and Recreation Department. It will take place on Saturday, January 26th, at Community Park soccer fields. This is a free event for all and there are over 30 vendors who are planning on attending this fun event. It runs from 11am-3pm and opening ceremonies will be at 9am at the amphitheater. Ali Adams, P & R staff, organized this event.

Fishing Fun/Fishing Skills will take place on Saturday, February 23rd at Crane Point's shoreline. The Parks & Recreation Department was awarded an equipment grant from the *Fish Florida* foundation for 80 fishing poles and tackle boxes. This organization makes license plates and proceeds go to education of youth about fishing in Florida. These poles will be awarded to any angler who goes through the learning centers during the event. It starts at 10am and ends at noon. Anyone who wants to attend will need to meet by 9:45am in the Crane Point parking lot for a shuttle transport to the fishing area. All bait and fishing equipment will be provided. Ali Adams, P & R staff, organized this event.

Marathon Youth Club (MYC) will be registering youth for both T-ball and Youth baseball. The parent in charge is **Caitrin Piscetello**. Contact her by email for more information at caitrin@hotmail.com. T-ball is for ages 4-6 and Little League Baseball is for ages 7-12.

Spring Camp will be offered by the Parks & Recreation Department the week of March 18th. This will be for all youth between ages 5-13. Cost will be \$20 per day or \$50 per week.

Teget Foundation awarded the City of Marathon Parks and Recreation Department a check for \$1,000 to assist in providing programs for our community. This has been an annual gift for the past few years and is greatly appreciated by the department.