



MEMORANDUM

Date: October 8, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and City

From: Paul Davis, Parks and Recreation Director

Through: Chuck Lindsey, City Manager

Subject: Parks and Recreation Monthly Report

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT

AUGUST 2019

Summer camp ended August 8. There were 121 kids who signed up for summer camp. The weekly average attendance was 34 kids. The weekly attendance dropped after the 5th week of camp. The majority of the kids showed up on the field trip days (Tuesday and Thursday). We are looking to modify the summer camps for next summer.

Community Outreach – Ali Adams visited local pre-schools (COOP, Grace Jones, and Kreative Kids) in the community and work with the student to create farewell cards for Jimmy Schmidt’s retirement party. Over 90 cards were made for Jimmy.

Tie Dye - Kyrstyn Ransom did a Tie Dye event on Saturday morning, August 10, 2019 at the Community Park from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. There were 43 kids who participated in the event and 12 adults who brought their own t-shirts to participate in the event.

Roller Night - Ali Adams did a roller night event on Friday, August 23, 2019 at the Community Park basketball/hockey courts from 7:30 to 9:30 pm for children ages 3-12 and their parents. There was deserts donated by Publix and music. There were approximately 52 children who showed up to skate.

Back to School Bash - Kyrstyn Ransom coordinated with other staff members to have a Back to School Bash on Thursday, August 29, 2019 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm at the Community Park main pavilion. We had to battle the elements, but we were able to have the event. There were nearly 100 -120 parents and children in attendance. We were able to give away backpacks and school supplies.

Start Smart Tennis – Genesis Villatoro started a Start Smart Tennis program on Saturday, August 31 for ages 5-7 year olds. The program was limited to 20 participants for a \$50 fee for the 6-week program.

Start Smart Move and Play – Genesis Vilatoro started a new Start Smart Move and Play program on Thursday, August 22 for ages 2-3 years of age for 8 weeks starting from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The program teaches children from ages 2-3 basic fine motor skills in a safe and fun environment. This is a FREE program.

Adult basketball and volleyball – Andre Garvey (basketball) and Kyrstyn Ransom (volleyball) started at adult basketball and volleyball at Marathon High School gymnasium the week of August 19 on Monday and Wednesday nights from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Cost per person for the fall season is \$5 per night or \$30 for the fall season. Adult basketball had 30 adults (18+) signed up and has been averaging around 10 people each Wednesday night. Adult volleyball has been averaging eight people each Monday night with 16 adults signed up for the fall season at the beginning of the season.

SEPTEMBER

Home School PE - Jaymie Robinson and Austin Tubbs collaborated to start home school PE on September 3, 2019 for ages 5 – 18 who are being home-schooled. The program is every Tuesday from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. for the entire school year. This free program had 37 students registered at the beginning of the program. We are now at 60 students registered for the program with an average of 46 students each Tuesday. The students are separated into two groups' ages 5-8 and 9 and up. Each group participates in a variety of different activities and games.

Home School Tennis – is a free instructional tennis program for home school students' ages 7 – 18 years of age done by Austin Tubbs. The program is held each Tuesday from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. at the Community Park tennis courts. There are 17 students registered for the program with an average attendance of 14 students.

Fun in the Sun Obstacle Course – was a one-day activity done by Genesis Vilatoro for children ages 4-9 years old on Saturday, September 7, 2019 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Community Park soccer fields.

AYSO Soccer had its opening ceremony September 6, 2019 on the newly sodded soccer fields. There were approximately 300 people in attendance. There was food, music and games enjoyed by all. The season has begun with no issues to report about the playing surface. Practices are held Monday – Thursday with games being played on Saturday.

Fly a Kite on Friday Night - was done by Ali Adams on Friday, September 20, 2019 at the Community Park Soccer Fields. Over 100 kids and their parents participated in the event. Kites were constructed, decorated, and flown. Ice Cream and juice was handed out to all participants at this FREE event.

Art Outreach with the Parks – is a new program done by Ali Adams to visit pre-school and after-care programs. Schools included in this program are Hammock House, Kreative Kids, Grace Jones, and COOP. Ali visits these schools on a monthly basis to teach a variety of art techniques and about famous artist. This program will go the entire school year.

Intro to Pickle Ball – is a new six-week program done by Austin Tubbs each Wednesday night at the Community Park tennis courts from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. The program introduces the participants to the game of

pickle ball at the beginners' level. The goal is to have a pickle ball league at the Community Park in the near future.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS / SPECIAL EVENTS

Youth Basketball (ages 7-14)

- early registration (Oct. 1 – 12)
- regular registration (Oct. 13 – 25)
- late registration (Oct. 26 – Nov. 1)
- Player evaluation – Nov. 5-6
- Practice twice a week with a game being played on Sunday's
- 10-week season with eight games for the season.

Start Smart Basketball (ages 3-4) / Basketball Clinics (ages 5-6)

- Season starts Saturday, January 11, 2020
- Meet every Saturday for six weeks
- Start Smart from(3-4) 9:00 – 10:00 am
- Basketball clinics (5-6) 10:00 – 11:00 am

Pet Parade

- October 26
- Community Park main Pavilion – 10:00 a.m.
- Costume contest
- Games and Prizes

Coral Head Blues Fest / American Legion Riders 150

- Event day October 19, 2019
- Set-up Friday, October 18
- Clean-up Sunday, October 20
- Anticipated attendance – 3000 spectators

20th Anniversary – City Celebration

- Saturday, November 2, 2019 (time TBD)
- Food, drink, live music, DJ
- Games, prizes

Taste of the Islands (BPW)

- November 10, 2019
- Event time – 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Food & drink, live music

OPERATIONAL

- **Staff Schedule** – created staff schedule with set days and hours for each Rec Specialist workweek. There is flexibility with the schedule due to the special events and activities we do at the Parks.
- **Updated Special Events Application** – an updated version of the special events application was created to give more detailed instruction for special events to take place at the Community Park. Will present to council for approval once reviewed and approved by City Manager and Legal.
- **Updated Forms**
 - **Updated Facility/Park Inspection Forms** – Inspection forms more detailed to our particular parks and beaches. Inspections will occur on a monthly basis starting the month of October.
 - **Updated City Property Use Application (Pavilions)** – more detailed to our parks and beaches.
 - **Updated City Property Use Application (Athletic Fields)** – more detailed to our athletic fields and what purpose for the use of the fields.
- In the process of getting quotes for playground equipment for Jesse Hobbs and Community Park (including shading).
- Purchased a pressure washer and began pressure-washing areas (sidewalks, picnic tables (concrete), etc.) to beautify park areas.
- Met with USTA to discuss ways to get more tennis participation in the City of Marathon for all ages. Free resources available for the Park.
- Soccer fields were opened September 5th, just in time for the AYSO soccer opening ceremony. Minor repairs have been made to the irrigation system to make sure the fields are watered daily (or as needed). The first major event (Coral Head) on the fields will be the weekend of October 19-20. I've met with Richie Anderson to discuss the layout, rules and regulations about the event, so we are all on the same page for the event and taking care of the fields.
- The skate park attendant recently resigned from this position. There has been discussion to have the skate park "unsupervised" and post new skate park rules stating the park unsupervised and to skate at your own risk. This was discussed with risk management, legal and the City Manager to see what effect those changes would have on the City liability insurance.