

MEMORANDUM

Date: November 30, 2020

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Paul Davis, Parks and Recreation Director

Through: George Garrett, City Manager

Subject: Parks and Recreation Monthly Report

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT

BEACHES

SOMBRERO BEACH

- Grills were placed back at the pavilions along with a galvanized cans and scoops to clean the grills after use.
- Portable garbage cans were placed on each bridge leading to the beach area to help with the overflow of trash mainly on the weekends.
- Sanitation schedule is still in effect
- Playground sunshade was removed at the beginning of hurricane season when we had a threat of possible storm here in Marathon. We will coordinate with Public Works to get the shades put back up after hurricane season is complete.
- Volleyball sand was replaced with new silica sand. Thanks to for providing the equipment to help remove and lay the new sand at the volleyball courts. The nets and boundaries were re-installed

Coco Plum – No new items to report

PARKS

Jesse Hobbs

- Playground sunshade was removed at the beginning of hurricane season when we had a threat of possible storm here in Marathon. We will coordinate with Public Works to get the shades put back up after hurricane season is complete.
- Christmas lights were installed for the holiday season. Lights are on a timer to be turned on each night at 7:00 p.m.
- The handicap parking area along with the entry to the park gets very slippery when it rains, so we must close that entry area, so no one gets injured. We open the double gates near the playground area near the road so visitors can access the park. I will speak with Carlos to see if he has any suggestions to fix this issue.
- New signs were installed at the entrance and near the highway fence. These signs were replaced due to the damaged done to the original signs from Hurricane Irma.

Rotary Park

- Christmas lights were installed for the holiday season.
- We had an issue with someone defecating in the sink in the men's bathroom. Signs were placed in the bathroom to inform visitors to use the toilet area instead of the sink. I was told the person who was defecating in the sink has since deceased. We have not had that problem this past month.
- The original park sign was replaced due to the damage from Hurricane Irma. We also purchased another sign to be installed at the entry area to the park with more information pertaining to the hours of the park and rules and regulations for the park. That sign will be installed after the holidays.
- We began to repair the broken pieces of the fencing around the playground area. The wood has been purchased and cut. Installation of the new fencing will begin this month.

Oceanfront / Events Field

- The original sign for the Events Field (Oceanfront) was replaced with a new sign.

Community Park

- ZONTA Club held a drive thru Trick-or-Treat Halloween event here at the park on Friday, October 31st from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. All necessary paperwork was submitted for approval.
- We held a Trick or Treat Spook-Tacular Costume Contest (created by Jen Ward, Genesis Villatoro, Austin Tubbs, and Dequian Youngblood) with a drive-thru candy bag giveaway that was scheduled for Friday, October 22nd. We had to cancel the drive-thru event because of weather, but we did continue with the costume contest via email. Participants were able to submit costume pictures via email and winners were selected by Parks and Rec staff.
 - Parents were able to reserve candy bags to be picked up at the park office since the drive thru was canceled.
 - Local businesses donated gift certificates for the winners.
- For the week of Halloween, we decided to have a Halloween Hunt (created by Jen Ward). Each day a clue was sent out via Facebook (city Facebook page) to give a location at one of our parks or beaches about an item being hid at one of those locations. If someone found the item, they would bring it to the park for a prize. We had a great response from the community, so we are going to do something similar for the month of December for the holiday season.
- Florida Keys Electric COOP held their annual Tree Giveaway here at the park from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. since they were not able to have the event on their property due to construction. All the necessary paperwork was submitted for approval.
- Christmas lights were installed. Our annual Holiday Lighting event with Santa and Ms. Claus was canceled due to the pandemic, but the lighting of the Christmas lights did happen on Saturday, November 28th at 7:00 p.m.
- The pickle ball group (15+ people) has arrived for the winter. We set them up to play on the basketball courts with tape and portable nets. They are following the CDC guidelines when it comes to social distancing and wearing a mask.
- Marathon Youth Club has a travel baseball team (11 under age group) who played in a double-header scrimmage with a team from Miami on Sunday, November 15th. Games were at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. All the necessary paperwork was filled out and teams followed the CDC and FLDOH COVID-19 guidelines. There were no issues with the scrimmage.

- MMHS soccer teams (girls and boys) were using our fields to practice and play games until the high school football season was complete. All necessary paperwork was completed and submitted for approval.
- KAIR held their annual Thanksgiving Food Bag Pick-up Saturday, November 21st. All necessary paperwork was completed and submitted for approval.
- Prodigy Dance Studio and Marathon Community Theater will be hosting a showcase here at the park amphitheater Saturday, December 12th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Meetings were held with event coordinators via zoom to discuss the layout and following CDC and FLDOH COVID-19 guidelines. The estimated number of participants is less than 30. We are going to put seating areas throughout the fields near the amphitheater following the social distancing and wearing of mask. All necessary paperwork was submitted for approval.
 - This event was approved before the number of COVID-19 cases went up. At this point we are not scheduling any more events until the numbers go down.
- KAIR will be hosting their annual Christmas Food Bag Pick-up on Saturday, December 19th from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. near the concession stand area. All necessary paperwork was submitted for approval.

PROGRAMS

- There will be no winter break camp this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- There will be no youth basketball program this year due to COVID-19 pandemic
- As of now, baseball will be played this spring unless COVID-19 numbers continue to rise.
- No new events will be held at the parks until the COVID-19 numbers go down.

The Art of Healthy Living 18+ age group (Austin Tubbs and Summer Herd)

- 6-week program (9/30 to 11/4) meeting every Wednesday from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. via zoom
- Program was a condensed group coaching workshop series intended as an assessment to begin you on your path to whole wellness.
- It is an opportunity to either infuse new ideas into healthy lifestyle or act as an eye-opener to the positive changes that can lead to optimal health.

Move and Play – 2 - 4 years of age (Genesis Villatoro)

- 4 group session program beginning October 6, 2020.
- Group met every Tuesday and Thursday for two weeks from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. held at the amphitheater with tables and activity stations set according to CDC and FLDOH COVID-19 guidelines
- Program teaches children from the ages of 2-4 years of age the basic motor skills in a safe and fun environment. Parent/Guardian involvement required.

Arts in Motion Dance Program (Jen Ward)

- Target age group: 3 – 18 years old beginning October 6 until December 1, 2020.
- Classes (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday):
 - Dance fusion,
 - ballet 1 & 2,

- jazz 1 & 2,
- Tap 1 & 2,
- Boys hip-hop,
- Pre-dance
- Mommy and Me
- There was not much interest in the variety of dance classes, but there was interest in ballet and boys' hip-hop classes. So classes were held for those two dance programs

Tie Dye Party (Kyrstyn Ransom) for youth and adults

- Four(4) Tie Dye Party dates and times (11/7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th) from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Limited spaces available – maximum 10 families per day.
- Shirts and tie-dye materials were provided by the City Parks and Rec Department.
- We had to cancel a session because of the storm, so we made Tie-Dye kits for families to pick up.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS

- Food drive (Mayor Gonzalez)– December 21st at the community park
- Zonta Club Christmas tree decoration contest – City of Marathon Parks and Rec entered a tree in the contest (Ali Adams, Jen Ward, and Dequian Youngblood)
- Holiday Scavenger Hunt – 12 days of Christmas (Jen Ward, Austin Tubbs, and Dequian Youngblood)