

MEMORANDUM

Date: February 28, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Paul Davis, Parks and Recreation Director

Through: George Garrett, City Manager

Subject: Parks and Recreation Monthly Report

MARCH 2022

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT

PROGRAMS

- We started T-ball, baseball, and softball registration for ages 6 – 14 until March 11th.
 - Season looking to start the week of April 11th
 - Start-smart baseball registration will begin soon as well.

EVENTS

- Seafood festival is scheduled for Saturday (3/12) and Sunday (3/13) at the Community Park. Set-up will begin on Wednesday (3/9) and the field will remain closed until Saturday (3/19) to give the field time to breath after such large event.
- Baptist South Hospital had it's Madi-Gras event at Oceanfront Park on Saturday (2/26). Event went well without any reported problems.

BEACHES

Sombrero Beach

- We continue to sanitize and restock toilet paper in the restrooms in the morning, afternoon, and evening hours.
- Spring break has arrived – very busy during the week and weekend. Lack of parking has been an issue.
- There were a total **35** pavilion reservations at Sombrero Beach

Coco Plum

- Everything is good at Coco Plum Beach

PARKS

Jesse Hobbs

- No issues at Jesse Hobbs Park

Community Park

- bocce ball is played every Monday and Wednesday afternoon from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The temporary courts are located on the north baseball fields.
- Pickleball numbers have grown, so we've extended the schedule to Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on the basketball courts. On average there's about 20-30 people a day show up to play pickle ball at the Community Park.
- MMHS continue to use the tennis courts for practice and tennis matches.
 - We had to replace one of the nets on the tennis courts. After the season we will probably have to replace a couple more nets.
- Community Park playground equipment will be shipped out mid-May hoping to have a build date set-up as soon as possible.
 - Eventually, we will have to remove the current playground structure to prepare for the new playground structure. Proper notification will be sent out to the community making them aware of the playground structure closing.
- The amphitheater will be repaired the week of March 21st according to Birdair. This way the build will not interfere with the seafood festival.
- The skate park continues to be used mainly in the evening hours. There have been minor repairs to the skate park ramps (replacing weather boards, screws, etc.), but nothing major. If we identify a part of the skate park, we deem unsafe to the public, we will remove that section or the entire ramp instead of trying to repair it. If we plan to replace the old skate park with a new skate park, it would be more cost effective to just do minor repairs instead of replacing major parts of the park that will be demolished when the new park is ready to be built.
- There was a total of **54** pavilion rentals for the month of February

Rotary Park / Dog Park

- No issues at Rotary Park as of now.
- Rotary Park renovations is still scheduled for mid to late June. We will have to determine a date and time when the park will need to be closed for tear down in preparation for the new playground equipment installation.
- There was a total of **1** pavilion rental at Rotary Park for the month of Feb

Ocean front / Events Field

- All is good at Ocean Front Park
- Yoga is scheduled at Oceanfront on a weekly basis Monday thru Friday.
- There was a total of **20** pavilion reservations for the month of Feb