

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

APRIL 2022

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT

PROGRAMS

- We started T-ball, baseball, and softball season practices Monday, March 28th.
- T-ball games start Tuesday, April 5th.
- Baseball and softball games start the week of April 11th with opening ceremonies that Monday, April 11th here at the Community Park.
- Start-smart baseball began Saturday, April 2nd for 6 weeks.
- Ali and Genesis have been going to local daycare facilities and doing crafts with the kids as a City of Marathon Community Outreach

EVENTS

- Alex Gross will be holding a “Plant Swap” event here at the Community Park once a month on Thursday evenings. The first Plant Swap event will be Thursday, March 31st. This event will continue every 1st Thursday of the month.
- Father/Daughter Luau will be at the Community Park Thursday, April 7th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Annual Easter Egg hunt will be held at the Community Park, Saturday, April 9th. The event will be from 10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

BEACHES

Sombrero Beach

- We continue to sanitize and restock toilet paper in the restrooms in the morning, afternoon, and evening hours.
- The beach continues to overflow with guests, which can be a good thing, but parking has become an issue. We’ve been getting reports of large campers and buses have been taking up multiple spots at the beach leaving no parking for other guest.
- There were a total **45** pavilion reservations at Sombrero Beach for the month of March

Coco Plum (no issues at Coco Plum)

PARKS

Jesse Hobbs

- No issues at Jesse Hobbs Park

Community Park

- The bocce group has started to dwindle down. The liaison for the group mentioned they would be done with their league Wednesday, April 13th.
 - The goal is to have permanent bocce courts by November or December this year.
- 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 Tennis season came to an end Friday, April 1st.
- Community Park playground equipment is schedule to be shipped mid-May. Kristine from Play Worx will let us know when she would like to schedule demolition of the old Community Park so they can prepare for the installation of the new equipment.
- The amphitheater will be closed until further notice. The shade was removed and stored away. Waiting on the paint crew to come out and do the painting of the metal structure.
- There was a total of **54** pavilion rentals for the month of March

Rotary Park / Dog Park

- No issues at Rotary Park as of now.
- Rotary will be hosting a Easter Egg hunt, Saturday, April 16th at Rotary Park
- 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.
- We would like to do a brick fundraiser for the new playground structure. The selling of the bricks would off-set the cost for the playground apparatuses.
- We have been in touch with a company who specializes in brick fundraisers (see attached photos)
 - Bricks would be sold for \$100 (4x4), \$200 (8x8 in)
 - Some of the bricks from the first Rotary build you cannot see some of the writing on the bricks so it's hard to determine who's name is on the bricks. We will also give any of the owners of the bricks from the first build an opportunity to pick up their brick and purchase a new one for the new playground structure if they so desire.
- We are also looking into doing a playground apparatus fundraiser so people/businesses can purchase parts of playground apparatuses and get a plaque with their name on or near the playground apparatus they purchased. This fundraiser will also help off-set the cost of the entire playground structure.
- There was a total of **3** pavilion rental at Rotary Park for the month of March

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 March.



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