

MEMORANDUM

Date: May 2, 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

MAY 2022

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT

PROGRAMS

- T-ball will be ending Thursday, May 5th
- Baseball and softball will end Wednesday, May 25th.
- Start-smart baseball will end May 7th.
- Ali and Genesis continue to visit local daycare facilities to do crafts with the kids as a City of Marathon Community Outreach.
- Working with Marathon Youth Club to start registration for the upcoming NFL Flag season. Registration will start May 9th until August 5th. We're also working on registration for the upcoming soccer season.

EVENTS

- Alex Gross will be holding a "Plant Swap" event here at the Community Park, Wednesday, May 4th. The event will be once a month on Wednesday evenings from 4-6:00 p.m.

BEACHES

Sombrero Beach

- We continue to sanitize and restock toilet paper in the restrooms in the morning, afternoon, and evening hours.
- There have been some complaints about the amount of trash over weekends and the lack of toilet paper. I reached out to Brightview and we are working on a plan to help alleviate some of those issues.
- Parking is still an issue. Buses have been informed to drop off and park at the Kmart parking lot to free up parking spaces and traffic delays at the beach.
- There were a total **57** pavilion reservations at Sombrero Beach for the month of April

Coco Plum (no issues at Coco Plum)

PARKS

Jesse Hobbs

- No issues at Jesse Hobbs Park

Community Park

- The bocce ball season has come to an end. The goal is to have permanent bocce courts this upcoming season (November 2022).
- Pickle ball numbers are not as large as before, but there's been a consistent number of pickleball players (10-15) coming out to play daily. This group of pickleball players are locals in the community who live here year-round.
- Spoke with Play Worx about the Community Park playground equipment. It is schedule to be shipped mid-May with a build date to be determined. As of now it looks like the 2nd or 3rd week of June for the demolition and build.
- The repairs for the amphitheater are coming along. Painting was completed, bolts replaced, and the shade will be installed the week of May 2nd – 6th. The Amphitheater should be ready by Monday, May 9th.
- There was a total of **34** pavilion rentals for the month of April

Rotary Park / Dog Park

- There have been some complaints about the lack of grass in the Rotary Dog Park. After the playground build
- Rotary playground was closed Monday, April 17th until further notice.
- The site was demolished and cleared out by Discount Rock and Sand.
- Waiting on a survey to be completed, so we can schedule the stakeouts for the actual build.
- The build date is staying the same (6/20 – 26th) for the time being. It's very important that we get the area surveyed so we can have the holes drilled for the playground structure.
- We are still looking for volunteers to assist with the build.
- The brick fundraiser has been steady. Currently we have 20 + bricks sold.
- The bricks from the first playground build will remain part of the playground.
- There was concern for shade structure for parts of the playground area. Speaking with the designers they can put up a shade structure for the little tyke's area, but the area for the older kids is well shaded from shades on the playground structures. A shade structure for the entire playground will not work because of the height of the playground structure that's why it was only selected for the little tyke's area.
- The cost of the shade is \$68,000, but since that's not part of the original build we will be bringing that up to council at a different time. Play-by-Design did mention that we should go ahead and drill the footings for the shade that way we will not have to close the park or drill new holes if we decide to add a shade structure at a later date.
- There was a total of **0** pavilion rentals at Rotary Park for the month of April due to the closing of the playground area.

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.