

MEMORANDUM

Date: August 8, 2023
To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
From: Paul Davis, Parks and Recreation Director
Through: George Garrett, City Manager
Subject: Parks and Recreation Monthly Report

AUGUST 2023

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT

PROGRAMS

- The Gardens at Community Park – Open House and Plant Giveaway every Wednesday from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the main pavilion
- Summer camp finished on July 28th. Below are the totals for our field trips and registration fees for the week.
 - Total Registration Fees collected: **\$20,401.00.**
 - Total Field Trip Cost: **\$11,207.43**
 - **Difference: \$9,193.57**

Free Trips

- Key West Splash Pad
- Hemingway House, Key West
- Sheriff Animal Farm, Stock Island
- Dolphin Research Center, Marathon
- Eco Discovery, Key West
- Bahia Honda State Park

City Discounted Trips

- Marine Lab Scholarships (Leadership Monroe Class XXIX) 60% discount(two trips) - \$2,200
- Aquarium Encounters 25% off total order - \$541.13

Paid Trips

- Conch Train Tour, Key West - \$1000
- Jacob Aquatics, Key Largo - \$2,643
- Fun Dimensions (2 trips), Miami - \$1368.20

- Marlins Baseball Game and Food, Miami - \$750
- Key West Aquarium and Shipwreck, Key West - \$615
- Miami Zoo, Miami - \$670
- Dive Museum, Islamorada - \$237
- Frost Museum, Miami - \$606.10
- Bird Bowling, Miami - \$346
- Tropic Theater, Key West - \$231
- Start Smart Soccer started July 10th – we had 14 kids ages 3-4 register for the 6-week program. The last day of the program will be Monday, August 14th.
 - We will be starting Start Smart Tennis on August 23rd.

EVENTS

- Registration is open for the Family Color Run, which is happening Saturday, August 5th at 11:00 am here at the Community Park.
 - The registration fee for this program is \$25 per person which includes a race shirt, goodie bag, participation medal, food, and drink.
 - This program is being sponsored by Hapynkeys Running and the City of Marathon Parks and Recreation department.

BEACHES

Sombrero Beach

- We continue to sanitize and restock the toilet paper in the restrooms in the mornings, afternoons, and evening hours.
- Located irrigation heads in the grass area and repaired as needed. The grass area is being watered (manually) as necessary after the beach is closed.
- Replaced broken fence connectors along the beach inner fence between the beach and the pavilions (see attached pics).
- Added “No Smoking” signs at Sombrero Beach entry gates and inside pavilions (see attached pics).
- Ordered more “swim advisory” signs to be placed at different sections of the beach (see attached pics).

Coco Plum Beach

- Everything is good at Coco Plum Beach.

PARKS

Jesse Hobbs

- Everything is good at Jesse Hobbs

Community Park

- Pickleball every Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 am. The numbers have gone down for the summer plus the temperature has been very hot.
- Located two water leaks to the irrigation system for the baseball fields. Parks and Rec staff (Hugo, Junior, and Jan Carlos) along with Utilities staff (Eric and) repaired the leaks by replacing piping and two valves. (see attached pics)
- The pump for the soccer field irrigation system broke, so we had to order a new pump which was installed by Utilities staff (Eric and Miguel) along with Park and Rec staff (Hammer and Genesis).
- The baseball fields (infields) are not holding up very well (see attached pics). Weeds are growing in the infield and when it rains the clay flows off the field and into the dugouts and rocks around the outside of the fields. Brightview was notified.

Ocean front / Events Field

- All is good at Ocean Front Park

Rotary Park / Dog Park

- We had some complaints about the number of rodents (rats) running around the main pavilion and parking area. We placed traps around the park in inconspicuous areas and the traps are working.

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SOMBRERO BEACH (fencing and signage)







COMMUNITY PARK IRRIGATION SYSTEM



COMMUNITY PARK BASEBALL/SOFTBALL FIELDS



