



**GENERAL MANAGER'S MONTHLY UPDATE  
TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON ISSUES AND PROJECTS  
JUNE 2026**

**TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**FROM: MATHEW FUZIE, GENERAL MANAGER**

*The information contained in this report is intended to help keep the Board of Directors informed on current projects and study issues. Reported below is the most current and available information. Since work on these items is ongoing, the information is subject to rapid change. If a project or issue has not changed from the previous month's report, the information provided may be the same as was previously reported. Please note that some projects are not directed at or managed by LARPD, but they are included below as informational only.*

**GENERAL SUMMATION**

May was a busy month for the Board of Directors and staff. The second board meeting was canceled, and a special board meeting was held for the Parks and Trails Master Plan update on May 4. The Board approved the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Annual Budget at the May 13 Board meeting. Three Board Members and I attended the CARPD Conference in Monterey at the end of the month.

Summer programming begins June 1, bringing camps and activities to local youth. I hope to see community members at the Sunken Gardens Skate Park ribbon cutting on June 17 at 5:30 p.m., followed by a Public Meeting in the Park at the same location at 6:00 p.m.

**Trails Update:** No update at this time.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

In May, Board members attended one regular Board meeting, one special Board meeting, and four standing committee meetings. Board members also attended the California Association Recreation and Park Districts Conference in Monterey and participated in meetings with the following:

- Alameda County Special Districts Association
- Alameda County Agricultural Subcommittee on Trails
- LARPD Foundation
- Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce Business Alliance

**May Board Actions:**

- Resolution 2841 renewed Special Tax 97-1 and set the Equivalent Dwelling Unit Rate at \$41.01 for Fiscal Year 2026-27
- Resolution 2842 adopted the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Final Operating and CIP Budgets.

**Upcoming Board Meetings:** (All held at 4444 East Avenue, Livermore, unless otherwise noted.)

- a. Personnel Committee Meeting: June 8, 2026, West Conference Room
- b. Program Committee Meeting: June 10, 2026, West Conference Room

- c. Regular Board Meeting: June 10, 2026, Sycamore Room
- d. Public Meeting in the Park: June 17, 2026, Sunken Gardens Skate Park
- e. Facilities Committee Meeting: June 16, 2026, West Conference Room
- f. Regular Board Meeting: June 24, 2026, Sycamore Room

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

**Recruiting:** Recruiting, led by Chelynn Watkins, has remained highly active. Since May 1, 2026, more than 50 new hires have joined Recreation, Aquatics, Open Space, and Parks, through a coordinated effort. Chelynn has conducted numerous in-person orientations, with support from Rolfe Selig as needed.

**Project Management and Systems:** Led by Amber Maugeri, the HR team continues transitioning from CLEAR applicant tracking system to UKG. This work supports system implementation and the review of related processes, forms, letters, and communications. The transition is underway and will continue over the next two months.

**Building Connections:** Youth Services and Human Resources met with Las Positas College liaisons to explore collaboration on teacher training and related services. Their program serves 500 students seeking credit hours, while ongoing staffing needs continue. Thank you to Rotarian Beth McCormick for coordinating the meeting.

**Training:** Michelle Kleman met with the Youth Services Coordinators to review best practices in performance management and the new boundary policy. The discussion also emphasized the importance of feedback.

## **FINANCE**

**April Financials:** Preliminary financial results through April show the District continues to outperform budget expectations, with a positive net operating variance of \$852,328 (41% above target). Approximately \$101k of the positive variance was attributable to a donation from a trust, which specifically designated the funds for use at Sycamore Grove and has therefore been placed into a reserve account for that purpose.

- **Total Revenues:** \$23.580 million, approximately \$340k (1%) above budget.
- **Salary & Benefits:** \$12.983 million, about 2% below budget.
- **Services & Supplies:** \$7.461 million, approximately 3% below budget.
- **Operating Capital:** No expenditures were recorded in April, thus operating capital spend for the year remains at \$193,357.

**Bottom Line:** The District remains financially on track, ending April with a positive operating variance of \$852,328. Revenues continue to exceed expectations, while expenditures are being carefully managed.

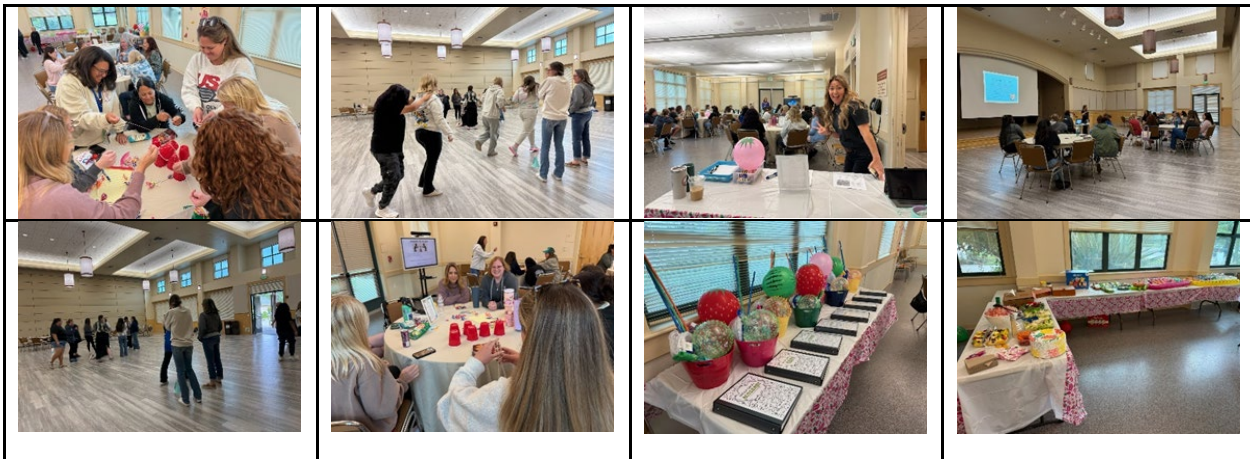
**FY25-26 Interim Audit:** The accounting staff have been actively working on completing 32 audit requests in preparation for the auditors' on-site visit scheduled for June 15–16. More than half of the completed requests have already been reviewed and accepted by the auditors, while most of the remaining items are expected to be discussed and finalized during the on-site visit.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES & RECREATION**

### **Youth Services**

**ESS/Preschool:** On Friday, May 29, Youth Services held an in-house training session from 9 a.m. to 1p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center to prepare staff for the summer season. The training was led by Child Development Supervisors Harmony Brockman and Brenda Rios, Recreation Coordinator II Vanessa Donaldson, and Assistant Site Coordinators Brittany Chiles, Rita Camberos, and Sydney Conway.

Staff rotated through three training sessions covering positive discipline strategies, group games and activities, and social-emotional skill development and Sydney created a modified thesis presentation she worked on while completing her master's degree. HR Manager Michelle Kleman also presented a refresher on boundary policy and discussed recent updates. Staff received lunch and refreshments, and each site was provided with training-related supplies and resource binders to support summer programming.



### **Senior Services:**

This month's movies were "Letters from Juliet" starring Amanda Seyfried, and "Fatherhood" starring Kevin Hart.

Eighteen seniors attended the Mystery Movie at the Vine on May 15 to see the new Prada film, concluding with the buffet at Stampede Grill afterwards.

Thirty-two seniors traveled to the Sierra foothills for wine tasting and mandarin orchard tour. A lunch was provided at the Clubhouse at Woodcreek Oaks Golf Club in Roseville.

On May 6, 110 attendees attended a historical presentation by former City Historian Richard Finn titled "Cowboy and Rancher Roots of Livermore."

At the May crafting social, 24 guests decorated handcrafted wooden bluebird houses using floral fabrics and weatherproof paint. A colorful and functional work of art to attract bluebirds to their yards.

Thanks to the Museum on Main and the Pleasanton Firehouse, 15 local history buffs attended a Chautauqua performance featuring Lizzie Borden, a well-known 19th century murder case figure.

For the month of May, a total of 160 adult/seniors registered for classes and programs.

### **Community Outreach**

**Community Outreach:** In May, the Community Outreach team distributed four press releases, including one highlighting the new Sport Stack pilot program led by a group of Tri-Valley students. The program will place a box of sports and play equipment at Jack Williams Park for community members to borrow and return while visiting the park. Another release highlighted the return of Family Swim Passes and Recreation Swim for the summer season at the Robert Livermore Aquatic Center and May Nissen Swim Center. Staff also shared information about the 3rd Annual Independence Day Dash 5k and kids run, scheduled for Friday, July 3, and announced the 5th Annual Wine Down in the Grove Fundraiser, scheduled for Friday, June 26 at Ravenswood Historic Site.

In addition to regular social media posts, email newsletters, and website maintenance, LARPD's website received more than 380,000 visits in May.

**Senior Meal Program:** As part of LARPD's ongoing senior nutrition partnership, Open Heart Kitchen served 491 meals to 56 seniors in April.

**Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan Update:** Staff facilitated Board Policy discussions on May 4 and May 13 to receive Board direction on a series of key policy areas that will guide development of the Master Plan. Discussion topics included:

- Project readiness and prioritization
- Cost recovery philosophy
- Partnerships and collaboration
- Open space and trails
- Asset condition standards and lifecycle planning
- Recreation programming and service delivery approaches

Staff are currently preparing a draft for Board review at the June 24 Board meeting.

### **Upcoming Events**

- 6/5 – Park After Dark: Light Traps and Night Blooms
- 6/5 – Rec-On-The-Go (Fridays Throughout the Summer)
- 6/5 – Lunch with the Lifeguards
- 6/13 – LARPD in the Rotary Rodeo Parade
- 6/13 – Dive-In Movie at RLAC
- 6/13–6/14 – Livermore Rodeo
- 6/14 – Ravenswood Docent Tours
- 6/16 – Sensory Splash Night
- 6/17 – Sunken Gardens Pump Track Ribbon Cutting and Meeting in the Park
- 6/26 – Wine Down in the Grove Fundraiser
- 6/30 – Storytime at the Creek

For all upcoming events and details, please visit [www.larpd.org/events](http://www.larpd.org/events)

## Open Space:

### Programs/Events:

- Naturalist Candace joined the Livermore Public Library to lead a **Backyard Birding** program at the Civic Center Library, drawing nearly 60 attendees.
  - Rangers participated in community outreach at the Livermore Downtown Street Fest and East Bay Regional Park District's Lake Del Valle Day by the Water event
  - Ranger Explorers hiked the north side of Mount Diablo.
  - As the school year ended, Ranger-led school programs wrapped up with a bang. Livermore students enjoyed the Life in the Pond program at Sycamore Grove Park in warm weather.
  - Warmer weather also increased rentals of the Ranger Station Picnic Area for graduation parties and birthday celebrations.



### Park Updates/Natural Resource Management:

- **Camp Shelly** was prepped for opening next month.
- Open Space staff continue to monitor and remove **invasive species**.
- Staff continue to monitor **cattle grazing** and its impact on native and non-native plant in Upper Sycamore.
- Ranger staff continue mowing along trails and fire breaks as late-season weeds grow.



### Volunteers:

- Volunteers continue to help improve the park's native gardens.
- Staff led corporate volunteers from Livermore-based AGA in removing invasive plants such as poison hemlock, black mustard, teasel, and Italian thistle to support native sagebrush and mugwort habitat in the park.

### Staff Updates & Development:

- Final summer staff have been hired, and final preparations are underway for the summer grind.

### Upcoming:

- Summer Nature Camp counselors will receive training in the first week of June, followed by a full summer season.
- The first of three overnight Sierra trips with teens will take place in June through the **Destination Shelly Youth Camp**.
- Open Space staff will bring nature programming to **ESS** sites during summer hours.

May Snapshot: Provided 56 programs and rentals to the community, with a total of 2142 participants.

## Aquatics

Lap Swim: 72 pass holders made 385 visits, and we sold 694 drop-in units.

Water Exercise: 34 pass holders made 154 visits, and we sold 116 drop-in units.

Adult Water Polo: 13 pass holders made 56 visits, and we sold 44 drop-in units.

Family Swim Pass: Sold 47 passes

Livermore Aqua Cowboys (LAC): LAC continues to use both facilities for its year-round team and brings in an average of 300 participants ages 6 - 70+. On May 15, we hosted its block party and potluck, which also served as a mock swim meet to help new swimmers experience meet protocol.

Electric Eels: A parent meeting was held on May 19, with at least 100 parents attending. Summer t-shirts and caps were issued.

School Field Trips: RLCC hosted four school field trips (Jackson, Altamont Creek, Lawrence, and Kings Classical). May Nissen hosted two school field trips (Marilyn and Altamont Creek).

### **Facility Rentals & Operations**

Facility rentals are held at the Ravenswood Historic Site, and the Robert Livermore Community Center. Facility rental information is located on our website. Total facility rentals for the month = 46. Total monthly hours = 298.

Facility Operations (Custodial): Facility operations staff are scheduled Monday through Friday from 7:30am-10:00pm to support District-wide facility and park restroom cleaning, along with RLCC operations and custodial work, requiring approximately 1,150 staff hours per month across multiple locations, with a combination of LARPD staff and contractors handling daily and weekend duties.

Facility Operations (Program and Service support): Facility operations staff are scheduled Monday through Friday from 7:30am-10:00pm to support District-wide facility program and service support, requiring approximately 85 staff hours this month.

### **PARKS, FACILITIES, and MAINTENANCE**

Park Maintenance staff continue to prioritize safety during daily operations across all park sites. After a recent windstorm, staff spent significant time clearing downed trees, branches, and debris across multiple locations. They also continued proactive tree maintenance and safety pruning to reduce hazards, protect park users, and preserve tree health. Some trees now require special equipment or outside contractors when staff cannot safely maintain them in-house.



The ESS play area and parking lots were cleared of storm debris to restore safe use.



**Trails Maintenance:** The Trails Team mowed and maintained formerly goat-grazed areas to control weeds, completing about 189 total labor hours. Recreation Maintenance staff prepared sports fields for rentals, and weekend staff supported picnic area setup and cleanup to keep facilities ready for public use.



**Sports Field Maintenance:** Sports field maintenance included aerating high-wear areas on soccer fields, seeding bare and worn spots, and top-dressing fields at Independence and Bill Payne parks. Staff also cleaned baseball infields and outfield edges and maintained bullpens at Bill Payne to improve turf health, field conditions, appearance, and playability.

### **Facilities Maintenance**

Staff completed routine preventative maintenance during the month, including HVAC inspections and service, plumbing and electrical repairs, lighting maintenance, fire extinguisher inspections, and general building safety inspections. The following parks and facilities work was completed:

**May Nissen Aquatic Center:** Staff completed another major graffiti removal project at the May Nissen Aquatic Center to help keep the facility clean and welcoming.



Veterans Hall: Maintenance staff installed a sliding door on the men's restroom stall and replaced a damaged urinal.

ESS: SDS binders were reviewed and updated at all ESS locations to maintain compliance and improve safety records. Facilities staff also supplied cleaning and custodial items to ESS Coordinators to support daily operations. At Smith ESS, staff replaced siding on one side of Building B to improve condition and prevent further exterior deterioration. At Junction ESS, staff repaired deck steps to improve safety and access.



Sunken Gardens Skate Park: Staff repaired and sealed benches to improve appearance and extend their life.

Sycamore Grove Park: Staff continued gate repairs to improve security and function.

Total Equipment Serviced/Repaired: 27

Respectfully submitted,

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