



Livermore Area  
Recreation and Park District  
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**GENERAL MANAGER'S MONTHLY UPDATE  
TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON ISSUES AND PROJECTS  
JANUARY 2025**

**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 or managed by LARPD, but they are included below as informational only.*

**GENERAL SUMMATION**

December was highly productive as staff focused on catching up on projects and vacation. Both can be an incentive to work hard before the holidays. The upcoming holidays served as motivation to finalize work before the office quieted down in the latter half of the month. In the next few months, we will prioritize implementing the new budget tool while preparing midyear budget reports in preparation for developing the 2025/2026 fiscal year budget.

**Trails Update**

The Patterson Ranch Trail is now open and without restrictions. There will be a celebratory gathering in Sycamore Grove Park on January 15 for those who have been involved to gather and visit the trail if they choose although the trail is now open to the public.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

In December, Board members attended one regular board meeting and three standing committee meetings. Some members attended the LARPD Senior Holiday Party. Additionally, members of the Board of Directors participated in meetings at the following:

- Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce Business Alliance
- LARPD Foundation
- Alameda County Agricultural SubCommittee on Trails

**Board actions for the month included:**

- Resolution No. 2818, approving District Notice 0012 – Disposition of Surplus Assets
- Resolution No. 2819, approving District Notice 0013 – Unclaimed Property

**Upcoming Board Schedule:** (All meeting locations are held at 4444 East Avenue, Livermore, unless otherwise noted.)

- a. Regular Board Meeting: January 8, 2025, Sycamore Room
- b. FYI: LAFCo Meeting: January 9, 2025, City of Dublin Council Chambers
- c. Regular Board Meeting: January 29, 2025, Sycamore Room
- d. Board Retreat: February 5, 2025, Sycamore Room
- e. Program Committee Meeting: Date TBD, West Conference Room
- f. Personnel Committee Meeting: Date TBD, West Conference Room
- g. Facilities Committee Meeting: Date TBD, West Conference Room

Finance Committee Meeting: Date TBD, West conference Room

### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

**Training:** In December the capstone class for the LARPD Leadership Academy wrapped up. The culminating class discussed Leadership Practices. This session asked key questions such as “Why would anyone follow you as a leader?” and “What traits and characteristics do you look for in someone that you would be willing to follow?” The idea of employee engagement was explored versus the dated thinking of only considering employee retention. Thanks to consultant Todd Slingsby for enriching our learners.

An in-house training was delivered on December 5<sup>th</sup> outlining performance management policy and practice at LARPD for the supervisor group. The class discussed the difference between coaching and feedback. The learners were able to practice during case studies.

**Extra Mile Award:** LARPD recognizes **Natural Resources Technician Justin Emery** with the "Extra Mile" Award for his efforts in drafting maps for submission to LAFCO in response to a request for information. When called upon this high-priority project, Justin stepped up without hesitation, working under tight deadlines and evolving circumstances. The project required several rounds of detailed edits and last-minute changes, and Justin approached the challenges with professionalism and positivity. Justin applied his existing GIS knowledge and demonstrated a willingness to learn and adapt throughout the process. His final product provided LARPD with a useful tool that supports our goals and strengthens our position with key stakeholders. Justin's commitment to excellence and ability to deliver under pressure exemplifies what it means to go above and beyond. Congratulations, Justin, and thank you for your hard work and dedication!

**Open Enrollment** was completed, and all files and back-end work have been completed. The HR team is looking forward to another productive year as we head into recruitment season.

### **FINANCE**

**November Financials:** Preliminary financial results through the month of November 2024 are as follows: Total revenues are 5% better than budget at \$4.517 million and salary and benefits expenses are 1% better than budget at \$6.183 million. Services and supplies expenses are \$333k over budget, mainly as a result of the timing of when items were budgeted vs. when the expenses were incurred. The District has not yet had any operating capital spend this fiscal year, which leaves the bottom line through the month of November at roughly \$19k better than budget.

**Budgeting Tool:** Finance has completed its testing on Vena’s templates, workflows, and reports. Vena will be rolled out to staff in the coming weeks, and we will begin the mid-year budgeting process in mid-January. Finance will present the new system to the Board at its second meeting in January.

**RFP for Audit Services:** An RFP for audit services was issued on December 20<sup>th</sup>, with a due date for proposals of 5pm on January 24<sup>th</sup>. Following the due date, Finance will review the submittals and present them to the Finance Committee during its February meeting. A tentative date has been set for the board to review and accept a proposal at its March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES & RECREATION**

**Senior Services**

**Classes:** Senior Services Recreation Classes and Programs (Set-up & Take-down: average 30 minutes/week/program, except for Zumba, and Yoga).

<b>Program/Camp</b>	<b>Monthly Registration</b>
Line Dancing w/ Delores (Beginner)	10 registrants
Line Dancing with Gary – 3 classes (Beginner/Inter./Combo)	27 registrants
Yoga for Self-Care	6 registrants
Legal Assistance for Seniors – Protecting your Equity	5 registrants
<b>Total Registered:</b>	<b>48 registrants</b>

**Trips:** On December 5<sup>th</sup>, a group of 40 Seniors enjoyed a day of shopping for holiday gifts at Sciabica’s Olive Oil in Modesto, then off to Duarte Poinsettia Farm in Hughson. They enjoyed a delicious meal at the Sizzler in Manteca. A fun time was had by all!

**Activities:**

- On December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 24 Seniors enjoyed the Holiday Wreathmaking Social as they put together a lovely lighted wreath and learned the art of custom bow-making. It was a fun time creating a beautiful door adornment and socializing with old and new friends.

- The Museum on Main in Pleasanton offered an informative walk through the historic neighborhoods of Pleasanton with their knowledgeable guide, Rachel Brickell. Our 10 registered guests braved the cold temperatures to absorb the many stories and trivia of their historical walking tour.



- In our RLCC Vintage Lounge, we offered two Netflix movies, shown on alternating Mondays. This month, “Holiday in the Wild” and “the Christmas Chronicles” were featured to ring in the holiday spirit at

LARPD. A group of movie enthusiasts gathered near our crackling fireplace for the December entertainment.

- The everchanging puzzle board is always set up in the Lounge to keep people engaged as well.
- Our annual Holiday Luncheon on December 10<sup>th</sup> was the largest, with 140 registered guests attending the celebration. Ranger Aide's Zach and Anthony were a big hit in the photo booth as Santa and "Jingles the Elf." Guests enjoyed On the Vine Catering, participated in door prize drawings, a festive sweater contest led by MC, David Weisgerber and were musically entertained by Ryan Scripps. It was a fun day for all, with lots of volunteer assistance from our helpful staff.



- On Thursday December 19<sup>th</sup>, 22 Seniors and one service dog joined our Holiday Lights tour of Livermore neighborhoods to behold the spectacular lighted displays in the community. Our seniors enjoyed hot cocoa, music, and dessert before boarding the Livermore Wine Trolley for the journey. Once again, an annual popular evening outing for our local Senior population.

You can find pictures from our trips and activities on LARPD social media outlets.

### Community Outreach

#### Community Outreach:

The RFP for the update to the LARPD Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan closed on December 10. Interview for finalists will take place on Friday, January 10, 2025. Winter/Spring Registration opened on Wednesday December 4 for LARPD's classes, programs, spring swim lessons, and spring break camps taking place between January and May 2025. LARPD also partnered with Valley Humane Society to participate in the Livermore Holiday Sights and Sounds Parade on Saturday, December 7 as part of the Livermore Ambassador Program. The outreach team also issued a press release highlighting the return of Santa's Mailbox and the [Letter's to Santa](#) program.



The outreach team also connected the community with LARPD program offerings through email communication, social media, peach jar, and [www.larpd.org](http://www.larpd.org). Throughout the month, the team sent 21,997 emails with a 63% open rate (35% industry average) between the District-Wide Newsletter, Senior Prime Time, Open Space Valley Wilds, and Senior Pop-Up Trip Emails. Across our social media accounts, 42 pieces of content were shared reaching 28.7k. Highlights included ESS holiday event highlights, Field closure notices, highlighting the Ho Ho Holiday carnival at Sycamore Grove and announcing the deadline for Letters to Santa. On [www.larpd.org](http://www.larpd.org), December page views were 146,603.

#### Information Technology:

In December, our phone consultant, Maverick, successfully addressed a critical vulnerability in our phone system. Additionally, the team leveraged the slower end-of-year period to perform essential maintenance and firmware updates on our network switches, ensuring system reliability and security heading into the new year.

#### Open Heart Kitchen: Senior Meal Program:

November Meals: Served 610 meals to 65 seniors.

#### Volunteers:

In November, LARPD had 41 volunteers work 208 hours throughout the month. Volunteers assisted with an assortment of holiday events including Sensory Santa, Donuts with Santa, Ravenswood Victorian Yuletide, Ho Ho Holiday Carnival, and the Great Yule Log Hunt. They also volunteered as Park Ambassadors, worked in the native gardens at Sycamore Grove, and helped seniors with Tech Tutoring.

#### Upcoming Key Dates/Events

**Take Me Home: The Music of John Denver (50+):** Saturday, January 4. Join us for an evening of nostalgia, inspiration, and pure musical magic as Curry pays homage to one of America's greatest singer-songwriters at the Bankhead Theater. [MORE INFO](#)

**Ranger Program | Early Bird Walk:** Sunday, January 5: Join Ranger Jay for a brief introduction to some of the birds in the park followed by a walk to try to spot some of our feathered friends! If you have binoculars, feel free to bring them, but some will be provided. [MORE INFO](#)

**Mystery Movie and Review at the Vine:** Wednesday, January 8. Join us for a mystery movie at the Vine Cinema with friends! After the show, join us for appetizers at Zephyr Grill and Bar to chat about the movie. [MORE INFO](#)

**Glow In The Dark Basketball Night:** Friday, January 10. We are offering a Glow In The Dark Basketball night where participants will get to experience playing different kinds of basketball games while they glow in the dark, here in the gymnasium at LARPD! [MORE INFO](#)

**January Crafting Social:** Friday, January 10: Enjoy time with new friends, creating fun and imaginative crafts and decor for your home or as gifts for friends and loved ones. [MORE INFO](#)

**LARPD and Livermore Public Library: Fungus Among Us:** Friday, January 17: Not quite a plant, not quite an animal... found in the ground, in the air, in our food, and in YOU & ME! Join a ranger at the library to have some fun with fungus through hands on exploration and experiments. [MORE INFO](#)

**Mushroom Madness:** Monday, January 20. Join LARPD Rangers and the Bay Area Mycological Society for the return of our annual SGP mushroom hunt! We will crawl around under trees, wander through meadows, and look at rotting logs to see how many different types of fungi we can find. [MORE INFO](#)

**Create a Secure Future: Advanced Health Care Directives (FREE, 50+):** Thursday, January 23: LARPD Senior Services has partnered with Legal Assistance for Seniors to offer a FREE monthly series of workshops on various topics designed to educate seniors on issues that impact their lives. [MORE INFO](#)

**Adaptive Rec: Movie and Game Night (18+):** Friday, January 24: Join us in socializing with friendly people over board games, cards, activities, and movies in a cozy and friendly environment! [MORE INFO](#)

**Kids Night Out: Pajama Party:** Saturday January 25. We will provide a fun night of age-appropriate activities, crafts, and silly games. Best of all, pizza dinner is included! [MORE INFO](#)

### Sports Facility Rentals

#### Sports Facility Rentals

- LARPD was a host site for the West Coast Jamboree girls' basketball tournament. There was 136 high school varsity teams participated and nine (9) host sites throughout the bay area. West Coast Jamboree is one of, if not the largest, girls basketball tournaments in the bay area.
- All grass fields including baseball and softball fields are closed for the winter. The fields will receive rest from organized play and will receive maintenance from the parks department and recreation staff.
- Picnic rentals concluded in early November. Applications are now being accepted for 2025 picnic rentals which will reopen in March.

Park Location	Total Rentals	Total Rental Hours
Robertson Park	35	117
Cayetano	35	62
Ernie Rodrigues	0	0
Robert Livermore	0	0
Randy Johnson	0	0
Christensen	0	0
Max Baer	0	0
Independence	0	0
Altamont Creek	0	0
Bill Payne	0	0
Hagemann	0	0
May Nissen Courts	0	0
Gymnasium	3	33
<b>Total:</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>245</b>

**Sports & Enrichment Programs/Classes/Events**

- Donuts with Santa event was more popular than ever, with a record-breaking 540 attendees this year. Participants enjoyed meeting Santa and taking family photos, engaging in games and crafts, and visiting newly added photo booth for fun and silly pictures. A highlight for children was the opportunity to adopt a stuffed pet, choosing their own special friend and receiving a handwritten adoption certificate. Adding to the festive atmosphere, the Grinch made a surprise appearance, delighting guests of all ages.
- The recreation team hosted its first-ever Sensory Santa event in December, serving 43 participants, including 12 children with intellectual or developmental disabilities (ISS). The event featured small attendance designated time slots for private Santa visits, creating a calm and welcoming environment for those with sensory sensitivities. Families expressed gratitude and excitement for being included in traditional holiday celebrations. The event also received a glowing write-up in *The Vine* online newspaper [Sensory-friendly Santa events come to town](#).
- The Santa Letters project underwent a significant transformation this year, moving from handwritten, volunteer-based letters to a typed format. This shift ensured greater consistency and allowed for more personalized messages. There were over 900 personalized letters sent to children, spreading holiday joy. Special thanks to Nancy from the recreation department, who single-handedly provided this magical experience to many families.
- This year, LARPD collected an impressive 34 bins of toys and one bicycle, exceeding last year's total of 27 bins. Donations were received from local businesses and generous community members. Due to a shortage of Toys for Tots volunteers, the recreation team stepped up to deliver the final batch of donations – filling a small moving truck – to Alameda on the last day of the Marine Corps campaign. Thank you, Michael and Luke!

- In December, Carlie with the recreation department continued leading the preschool PE program at eight LARPD preschool classrooms each week. Each session lasted 30 minutes and included games, basic sports instruction, and physical activities. These activities provided children with a break from the classroom routines and allowed them to expend some energy in a fun and structured way. The program served a total of 110 children across eight classes. Teachers have shared positive feedback, noting that students eagerly look forward to PE time with Carlie each week. She will resume preschool PE in January after the winter break.
- With the gymnasium being closed November 25 – December 24, there were extremely limited programs/classes/rentals taking place in the recreation building in December.

Program	Total Registered Participants
LARPD Small Group Training Basketball	15
LARPD Practice and Play Dodgeball	20
Arora Tennis Classes	105
Youth/Adult Karate	20
Adult Yoga	34
Ballet	105
<b>Total Participants Served:</b>	<b>299</b>

### Open Space

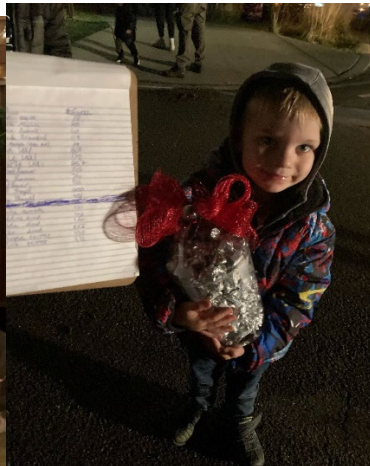
#### Programs/Events:

- Despite the variable weather in December, Open Space continued offering a slew of programs, including several holiday themed events:
- Ranger Rudy led **Holiday Ornament program** on 12/7 for families at Sycamore Grove Park. There were 45 attendees that spent some time outdoors decorating wood cookies made downed branches at the park.
- The **30<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Yule Log Hunt** led by Interpreter Eric occurred on 12/14, during one of the stormiest days so far this rainy season. This free program, which always has full registration, unfortunately had less than normal attendance due to the weather. There were 10 diehard yule log attendees that still made it out!





- The **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Ho Ho Holiday Carnival** occurred 12/21 at the ranger station picnic area, featuring fun Midway games, arts & crafts, and holiday treats, with 50+ attendees. This program could not happen without the collective work of staff and support from other departments leading up to the event, and the volunteers who helped set up and run games/stations on the day of the event. Ranger Seth, who leads the event, says “Thank you everyone who put effort into this carnival this year. You all rock.”



- Ranger Jay led a **free Wreath Making program** 12/22 with great attendance: 62 attendees. Participants got to construct their own willow wreath and decorate it with natural materials found in the park, highlighting native plant species and seasonal changes.



- While most school and youth programs wind down during this time of year, Interpreters Eric and Christine led a one-of-a-kind field trip during the last week of the fall semester: **Nature Nearby at Garaventa Wetlands for Altamont Creek Elementary School**. Three 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes learned about the unique alkaline wetland, the wildlife that lives here, and the geology and history that created this special ecosystem. This is our 3<sup>rd</sup> year offering this walking field trip for Altamont Creek and it is currently the only program where members of the public can access and learn about the wetlands firsthand.
- **Interpreters Christine and Eric highlighted the Destination Shelly program at the December LARPD Foundation Board Meeting.** They spoke about how the inaugural camp went this past summer, plans for the program in summer 2025, and ways that the Foundation could support this and similar camping programs.
- **Park Updates/Natural Resource Management:** Staff held the **Parking Pass Pre-Sale** from November 30<sup>th</sup> to December 1<sup>st</sup>. Since parking passes went on sale, nearly 700 have been sold.
- **Patterson Ranch Trail is officially open**, as of 12/15. We anticipate a more formal acknowledgment of the opening, and the work volunteers did in establishing the trail in the near future. Some of the first hikers on the trail included Junior Rangers on 12/16 led by Ranger Danny and Naturalist Candace!
- Staff have been working to tighten up our **systems for picnic area rentals and photo permits**. While this project is ongoing, we'd like to acknowledge the hard work our office assistant Crystal has been putting in, and the collaboration she's done with other departments.
- Interpreters Eric and Christine led groups throughout Sycamore Grove Park and the newly opened Patterson Ranch Trail for this year's **Christmas Bird Count**. While the dense fog led to fewer sightings than in years past, over 40 species of birds were counted and submitted to Cornell Lab eBird database. This is the first year that Patterson Ranch Trail has been able to be included in the survey area of Eastern Alameda County.



- **Volunteers:** Thank you to our volunteers who helped with our many interpretive programs in December, including Yule Log & Holiday Carnival. Volunteers also came out for the **Open Space Volunteer Day** to take native sycamore cuttings for restoration projects and the **Native Garden Work Day** to help put new plants into the ground and planter boxes at the Wetmore Native Garden. Planter boxes have been the work of several scouts working on their Eagle Projects. It is nice to finally this project come together in the garden.



- **Staff Updates & Development:** In lieu of a December staff meeting, Open Space held a **Staff Breakfast & Birdwalk** on 12/11, with the invitation being extended to others at LARPD outside of the department. We made use of the binoculars purchased by the LARPD Foundation, talked about the basics of birding and some of our more easily seen (or heard) local bird species, and enjoyed a cold but beautiful fall morning in the park.

**Upcoming:** In January, Open Space will hit the ground running with the return of our youth programs Junior Rangers and Sycamore Science Camp. Ranger Programs will include several guided hikes, two programs highlighting native birds, and nature journaling. Planning for summer programs will begin in earnest in January. Staff will be attending some Family Science Nights for local elementary schools. At the parks, we anticipate continued maintenance due to winter weather, including removing downed branches and trees and monitoring and maintaining trails. This time of year, is also good for sycamore propagation and native seed casting, which Natural Resource Technician, Justin and Interpreter Eric will continue to spearhead.

**Snapshot:**

**NOVEMBER'24  
Open Space**

	# of programs	# Participants (TOTAL)
School Programs	7	142
ESS	4	201
ASES/ELOP	3	20
Ranger Programs	7	56
Hoot Owls	8	157
Sprouts	2	27
Science Camp	5	81
Junior Rangers	3	27
Ranger Explorers	1	6
Special Events	5	388
Custom Fee Programs	1	40
Volunteer Opportunities	2	10

**NOV'24 Totals**

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**DECEMBER'24  
Open Space**

	# of programs	# Participants (TOTAL)
School Programs	13	293
ESS	4	218
Ranger Programs	6	196
Sprouts	2	27
Junior Rangers	3	27
Ranger Explorers Programs	1	6
Volunteer Opportunities	1	40
	4	20

**DEC'24 Totals**

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**Facility Rentals**

Facility rentals are held at the Ravenswood Historic Site, and the Robert Livermore Community Center. Facility rental information is located on our website at [larpd.org](http://larpd.org).

Facility	Type of Activity	Total Rentals for the Month	Total Monthly Hours
Ravenswood	Facility Rentals	0	0
Ravenswood	Wedding Rehearsals	0	0
Ravenswood/RLCC	Facility Rental Tours	14	14
Ravenswood	Photo Permits	0	0
RLCC	Facility Rentals	10	100
RLCC	On-going Rentals	1	14
<b>Total Facility Rentals for the Month:</b>		<b>25</b>	<b>128</b>

**Facility Operations**

Facility operations staff are scheduled Monday through Friday from 7:30am-10:00pm to support District-wide facility operations, programming, and custodial. Weekend hours vary depending on programming and facility rentals. Below is the Day-to-Day Operations & District Support matrix.

Operations	Staff	Days	Time	Total Hours Weekly	Total Hours Monthly
Outlying Facility Restroom Cleaning: Ravenswood, Carnegie, & Vets Hall (Raquel)	1	M/Tu  (Friday as needed)	6:30am-9:30am	Between 4-6	Between 16 and 20
RLCC Operations & Custodial (LARPD – days / Contractor – nights)	2	M-F	7:30am-10:00pm	217.5	870
RLCC Operations & Custodial (LARPD – days / Contractor – nights)	2	Sat/Sun	8:00am-8:00pm	24	96
Park Restrooms: Field Rentals (Contractor)	2	Sat	7:00am-5:00pm	20	80
Park Restrooms: Field Rentals (Contractor)	2	Sun	7:00am-5:00pm	20	80

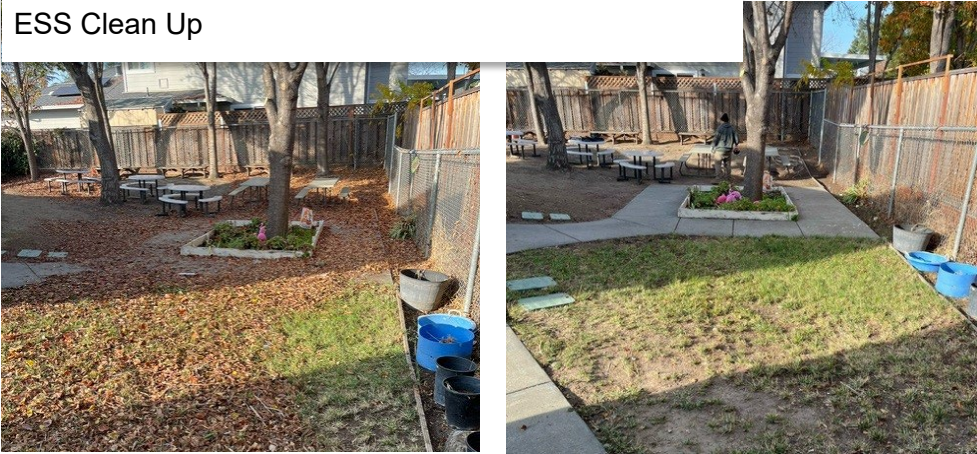
**Community Services Program and Service Support**

Program	Task	Staff	Days	Total Hours Weekly	Total Hours Monthly
Open Heart Kitchen	Setup & Takedown	2	M-F	10 hours	40 hours
Pet Food Distribution	Setup & Takedown	2	Wednesdays	30 minutes	2 hours
Occasional Events (Seniors; 1-2/mo.)	Setup & Takedown	2	Days vary	30 minutes	1 hour
Livermore Rotary Meetings	Setup & Takedown	2	Wednesdays	1 hour	4 hours
Golden Circle & Learn to Knit!	Setup & Takedown	2	Mondays	30 minutes	2 hours
Ravenswood Progress League Yuletide Event	Setup & Takedown	2	Thursday	2 hours	2 hours

Movie Madness	Setup & Takedown	1	Mondays	1 hour	2 hours
Mah Jong	Setup & Takedown	1	Wednesday	30 minutes	2 hours
Bridge	Setup & Takedown	1	Thursday & Friday	1 hour	4 hours
Livermore Youth Commission	Setup & Takedown	1	Monday	30 minutes	1 hour
LARPD Foundation Meeting	Setup & Takedown	1	Monday	15 minutes	15 minutes
December Crafting Social	Setup & Takedown	2	Thursday	1 hour	1 hour
Alameda County Ag Subcommittee on Trails Meeting	Setup & Takedown	1	Monday	15 minutes	15 minutes
LARPD Board Meeting	Setup & Takedown	1	Wednesday	30 minutes	1 hour
Caregiver Support Group	Setup & Takedown	1	Thursday	30 minutes	1 hour
Holiday Lights Trolley Tour	Setup & Takedown	2	Thursday	30 minutes	1 hour
Senior Holiday Luncheon	Setup & Takedown	2	Monday	2 hours	2 hours
Leadership Academy	Setup & Takedown	2	Thursday	30 minutes	30 minutes
LCAC Meeting	Setup & Takedown	1	Wednesday	30 minutes	30 minutes
Noon Year's Eve event	Setup & Takedown	2	Monday	2 hours	2 hours
Legal Assistance for Seniors – Protecting your Equity	Setup & Takedown	1	Thursday	30 minutes	1 hour

**PARKS, FACILITIES, & MAINTENANCE**

**Parks Department Update:** This month, we focused on several key maintenance tasks across various parks and facilities. Pre-emergent herbicides were applied to all parks and trails to control weed growth. At Ernie Rodriguez Baseball, we completed sod planting and infield maintenance, while similar work was done at Max Baer Baseball fields (2), including sod cutting and infield upkeep. We also replaced valves at Robertson Sports (3) to ensure proper irrigation. Additionally, responsibility for ESS and Preschool Maintenance was successfully transitioned and integrated into the regular maintenance schedule. The team conducted a thorough leaf cleanup across all parks and trails and installed waddles for erosion control. These efforts contributed to keeping our facilities in top condition throughout the month.



Jack Williams

Karl Wente



**Mechanic's Shop:**

**Facilities Department Update:**

- The Holidays are here, and the maintenance team is doing their part to make spirits bright. Whether it's retrofitting an equipment trailer for the Holiday parade or making decorations and setting up for the District Holiday party, the team stepped up to help.



- Unwanted furry visitors to our parks are a constant problem. In recent years we have used several methods to control gophers, ground squirrels, and moles. One of the more successful methods,



and by far the most natural, is the use of owls to control pest populations. In recent months, Technician Mike Loder has built and installed 4 new owl boxes. This round the recipient was Vista Meadows Park.

- At the end of November, work began on resurfacing the gym floor at the Robert Livermore Community Center. The entire floor was sanded and re-stripped for basketball, volleyball, and pickleball. Completed this month, the results are amazing, and the court floor is new again.
- Many of the wooden monument signs in our parks show signs of age and deterioration. Technician Ryan Voissem took up the challenge of refurbishing the old park signs, making them like new again. Over the last year he's completed more than a dozen. This month's project was for Vista Meadows Park.



Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'MF', is written on a white background.

Mathew Fuzie  
General Manager

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