



Livermore Area  
Recreation and Park District  
*An independent special district*

**DRAFT GENERAL MANAGER'S MONTHLY UPDATE  
TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON ISSUES AND PROJECTS  
SEPTEMBER 2023**

**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:**

Four out of five Board Directors attended the CSDA Conference in Monterey at the end of August. Summer programming has come to an end. Schools are back in session. The community center is quieter as we move into fall programming. We continue to work with our partners to maximize the use and development of public facilities. We are working with the City of Livermore to develop a long-term plan for current and future parks. At the same time, we are working with the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District to develop an agreement to program some school facilities when not being used by the schools, such as after school or weekends. More to come in future months.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

In August, Board members attended one regular and two special board meetings plus a Public Meeting in the Park at the Northfront Park and Trailhead. Additionally, Board members attended five committee meetings. Some Directors attended the California Special Districts Association Annual Conference held in Monterey, and the Volunteer Appreciation event at the Robert Livermore Community Center. Directors also participated in meetings at the following:

- Livermore Chamber of Commerce Business Alliance
- Livermore Cultural Arts Commission (LCAC)
- LARPD Foundation
- Livermore Downtown, Inc.
- Alameda County Agricultural Subcommittee for Trails
- Visit Tri-Valley Destination Strategic Planning Steering Committee

**HUMAN RESOURCES:**

**August HR Recap:**

Most of our current job openings in the District are in the youth services arena. HR worked with Las Positas College who was kind enough to send out an email blast highlighting our youth

services roles to over 700 students. The teacher shortage in the United States continues to be problematic for California and LARPD. The youth services team continues to be creative and flexible with staffing. LARPD also has postings for a Naturalist and a Senior Facility Attendant.

**August by the Numbers:**

The District had 11 hires during August, 5 of which were in youth services. The District had 4 resignations in August.

Head count numbers for the month of August are 199 casuals and 108 continuing employees. At the end of September (our summer season conclusion) most of our casual employees will either inactivate or terminate.

**Projects in Motion Include:**

HR is continuing the implementation of **applicant tracking and onboarding** with Clear Company. All of our new hire and onboarding documents have been sent to Clear Company and they are in the process of initial setup.

**Learning Management System** with Cornerstone – HR is working through some integration challenges with UKG/Kronos, but still making progress. The next steps will be to learn how to “package” our own training content. Content that we create in house such as safety briefings or new hire orientations will be loaded and assigned through this vehicle.

The kickoff of the **compensation study** with KOFF & ASSOCIATES, a division of GALLAGHER BENEFIT SERVICES, INC. occurred on August 31<sup>st</sup>. As mentioned in previous reports, this will be a lengthy process consisting of much data collection.

**Culture Building:**

The LARPD Picnic and Cardboard Boat Regatta was held on August 18<sup>th</sup> at the RLC pool. All employees were invited to attend, and we had approximately 150 join us for the afternoon of food, games, and boat racing. We had 9 boat entries with several from the youth services teams. It was great to see participation from all the units. Teams are already strategizing their boat design for next year. Thanks to all that participated in building boats and to Emily Muniz, Makenna Nation, and Alyssa Nolan Smith for organizing the regatta portion. They did a great job, and it was great fun!

**BUSINESS SERVICES - FINANCE/INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY/CUSTOMER SERVICE:**

**Finance:**

1. The Finance Officer and Financial Analyst presented financial results for FY22-23 and the month of July, 2023, to the Finance Committee. A summary of those reports follows:

FY22-23 Financial Results: Total Revenues: \$23.0 million (\$419k, or 2%, better than budget); Tax Revenues: \$15.1 million (\$219k, or 1%, better than budget and 8.6% above last year); Revenue from Operations: \$7.9 million (\$200k, or 3%, better than budget and 19% above the prior year); Salary and Benefits expense: \$12.8 million (\$192k, or 1% below budget), and Services and Supplies: \$8.2 million (\$26k, or less than 1% below budget). Operating Capital: \$403k, which exceeded budget by \$318k, as spend for unanticipated but necessary items such as mowers, chippers, pool covers, etc., was approved based on need and awareness of where the District's financials stood versus budget. The District's Net Operating Contribution of \$1.5 million is \$318k, or 27%, better than budget for the year.

CIP projects funded by the General Fund totaled \$1.9 million of which \$1.6 million was for the two synthetic turf fields that were replaced at Robertson Park. Actual spend is \$216k

below budget, as \$100k was not spent on ESS buildings and, while \$92k was budgeted in CIP for the Aquatics scoreboard replacement, nothing was booked to CIP (this will be treated as Operating Capital). CIP projects funded by AB1600 fees amounted to \$154k, which is \$257k below budget. Spending for the Sycamore Grove restroom is not yet complete at \$125k (\$80k less than budget); \$60k for shade structures was not spent; \$45k for fixtures related to the Patterson Ranch trail was not spent, nor was \$90k for the Mocho community garden.

July 2023 Financial Results: Total Revenues: \$951k (\$161k, or 20%, better than budget); Tax Revenues: \$55k versus a budget of \$0 (though these revenues are associated with June, 2023, the County reported them to us in late August, after staff had finalized our trial balance for FY22-23 with our Audit partner; these particular tax revenues are not a core component of our property tax revenues and are not predictable, so they were not accrued in June. Revenue from Operations: \$897k (\$106k, or 13%, better than budget and 16% above the previous July result); Salary and Benefits expense: \$908k (\$15k, or 2% better than budget, driven by the fact that we included benefits expense in our year-end June accrual, which reversed in July, though the budget did not assume this); Services and Supplies: \$839k (\$60k, or 7% below budget due to timing variances vs budget for certain professional and legal services). The District's Net Operating Contribution of (\$796k) is \$236k, or 23% better than budget for the month. We do not expect such favorability to continue given the one-time nature of several material items as mentioned above (tax revenue, benefits expense, etc..).

2. Another agenda item for the August 23<sup>rd</sup> Finance Committee meeting was an overview of the Finance team's objectives for FY23-24.
3. Staff work on enhanced internal financial reports has progressed nicely, as new reports have been provided to our managers that will facilitate the analysis of monthly results. More to come!
4. Staff met with representatives from the City of Livermore to kick off our participation in the City's new Nexus study that will, among other things, result in an update to the parks facilities fees assessed to developers of new residential and non-residential development in Livermore.
5. Contract Administration:
  - a. A team consisting of LARPD management met with staff from LVJUSD to begin developing an agreement that is similar, conceptually, to our recently completed Master Property Agreement (MPA) with the City of Livermore. The team has had two productive direction-setting meetings and are presently focused on completing a working list of LVJUSD properties that can be programmed and maintained by LARPD during certain times of the year. Properties under consideration include gyms, fields, and pools owned by LVJUSD. Also on our agenda are identifying opportunities for operational efficiencies within our respective maintenance functions.
  - b. The District's Revenue Sharing Agreement with the City (for cell towers on city property that we manage), which was approved the City Council on April 24<sup>th</sup>, has been fully executed after incorporating a modest change in its language related to end of term notifications.

- c. Staff continues to work on two new cell tower agreements (one at Max Baer and the other at Robertson park). Progress has been made on power issues at Robertson and that particular agreement is now close to completion.
- d. Work on the Sunken Gardens property lease stalled in August but will resume in earnest in September.

### **Information Technology:**

1. Key on-going projects include:
  - a. Server Project: replacing and rearchitecting the District's physical and virtual servers which support infrastructure functions such as file management and IP address administration. One of the key elements of this project is that it will allow for the elimination of old servers running on 2012 operating systems that will no longer be supported by patches and updates as of October, 2023, a key security issue.
  - b. A plan to remediate issues identified in the District's July, 2023 internal and external network penetration testing (aka "Pen Testing") is near completion and All Covered management is confident in our ability to quickly address high priority items. Tests of the external network did not flag any serious issues, but several important items were flagged for our internal network (some of which will be resolved by the aforementioned Server project).
  - c. KnowBe4, an application that promotes awareness of dangerous internet-based phishing campaigns, was successfully deployed in August. Results of our initial campaign: out of 225 recipients, only 15 clicks occurred (6.7% "phish prone"), none of whom are Board members.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES:**

#### **Youth Services:**

**Extended Student Services – ESS** enjoyed a very successful summer. We were so fortunate to have hired great college students who were home on summer break. They all had a wonderful time with the kids and expressed their interest in returning next summer.

The kids and staff shared many fun experiences through field trips, on-site presentations, and planning wacky weekly themes. The kids visited both LARPD pools, went to movies and bowling, hosted animal shows and puppet shows on-site, and some sites ended with parent BBQ events.

School started seamlessly, with enrollment slightly increasing. Rancho ESS re-opened on August 1<sup>st</sup> and they are increasing their enrollment at a nice pace. Kids and families are happy to have this program back.

**Preschool** summer camp was amazing. Staff really were creative with their themes and activities. The three two-week sessions flew by, and everyone walked away with amazing summer memories.

Preschool parent orientations were scheduled for the third week of August, and parents and kids are happy to start the program. All classes are full, with a small wait list for the four-year-old classes. The first day of preschool is Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Aquatics:**

|                              | Total Bought |  | Usage       |
|------------------------------|--------------|--|-------------|
| <b>Lap Swim</b>              |              |  |             |
| Lap Swim Light               | 28           |  | 172         |
| Lap Swim Senior Light        | 37           |  | 253         |
| Lap Swim Unlimited           | 14           |  | 176         |
| Lap Swim Senior Unlimited    | 21           |  | 324         |
| Adult Drop In                | 546          |  | 546         |
| Senior Drop-in               | 536          |  | 536         |
| <b>Lap Swim Totals</b>       | <b>1182</b>  |  | <b>2017</b> |
|                              |              |  |             |
|                              |              |  |             |
|                              |              |  |             |
| <b>Water Exercise</b>        |              |  |             |
| Water Ex Light               | 1            |  | 8           |
| Water Ex Senior Light        | 16           |  | 111         |
| Water Ex Unlimited           | 0            |  | 0           |
| Water Ex Senior Unlimited    | 8            |  | 99          |
| Water Ex Adult Drop-in       | 4            |  | 4           |
| Water Ex Senior Drop-in      | 76           |  | 76          |
| <b>Water Exercise Total</b>  | <b>105</b>   |  | <b>298</b>  |
|                              |              |  |             |
| <b>Recreation Swim</b>       |              |  |             |
| RLAC Rec Swim                | 3312         |  |             |
| Toddler Time                 | 1114         |  |             |
| Hot Nights                   | 414          |  |             |
| May Nissen Rec Swim          | 1565         |  |             |
| <b>Recreation Swim Total</b> | <b>6405</b>  |  |             |
|                              |              |  |             |
| Lap Swim                     | 2017         |  |             |
| Water Exercise               | 298          |  |             |
| Recreation Swim              | 6405         |  |             |
| Swim Lessons/Camps           | 342          |  |             |
|                              |              |  |             |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>9062</b>  |  |             |

**Community Outreach:**

Fall registration began on Wednesday, August 16, and saw an 18% increase in program revenue across the first three days of registration compared to 2022. The Community Outreach team built awareness through email communication, social media, peach jar, [www.larpd.org](http://www.larpd.org), and attended the August 10 Thursday Night Farmer's Market. Throughout the month, we connected with the community with 34,731 emails delivered with a 60% open rate (37% industry average). Across our social media accounts, 112 posts were shared, generating 108K impressions highlighting all the incredible programs and classes LARPD is offering this summer. On [www.larpd.org](http://www.larpd.org), August page views were 111k, with the most visited pages being the Fall Activity Guide, Aquatics, Camp Shelly, and the District Programs and Events Calendar.

Open Heart Kitchen Meal Program:

July Meals:

**Senior Meal Program:** 579 meals served to 77 seniors

**Hot Meal Program:** 3,579 meals served

The drop in numbers in the senior meal program is due to serving meals in a sit-down setting, as the seniors who prefer to-go meals have been gravitating to the hot meal hours. Once the hot meal program moves to the new location this fall, senior meal numbers should return to normal numbers.

Volunteer Program:

We honored LARPD volunteers on Wednesday, August 23, with an evening of music, food, and celebration of over 9,000 volunteer hours in 2022-23 from 420 volunteers. Below is a brief video highlighting some of the wonderful work done by volunteers during the 2023 summer programs.



Upcoming Key Dates/Events:

**Turkey Vultures:** Saturday, September 2, 2 pm, Sycamore Grove Park. Join Ranger Vickie as we explore the turkey vultures of Sycamore Grove. Focusing on the turkey vultures, we will learn about them and where to find them in the park. [MORE INFO](#)



**Movie Night at Rincon Library:** Friday, September 15. In honor of Latinx / Hispanic Heritage Month 2023, Livermore Public Library and LARPD will host an outdoor Movie Night at Rincon Library. [MORE INFO](#)

**Senior Pop-Up Trip: San Francisco Giants Game:** Wednesday, September 13. Join us to watch the Giants vs. Cleveland game at Oracle Park in San Francisco! Go in motorcoach style with LARPD and the best FANS in Livermore! We have Lower Box seats reserved for you in Section 105... no nose bleeds for us! Bring your glove for that foul ball. [MORE INFO](#)

**Mystery Movie at the Vine (50+),** Wednesday, September 6, 1 p.m. 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 and develop our collective "review" of the film. [MORE INFO](#)

**Ravenswood Docent Tours:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month. Ravenswood Historical House will be open to the public on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for docent-led tours. [MORE INFO](#)

**Cattail Pond Hike:** Sunday, September 17, Sycamore Grove Park. Join Ranger Danny and take a morning hike up to the Cattail Pond. We will look for local wildlife and talk about what we see along the way. [MORE INFO](#)

**Senior Pop-Up Trip: Apple Hill and Red Hawk Casino:** Thursday, September 21. Join the 50+ crew for a trip to Apple Hill, followed by the Red Hawk casino for a full day in the Placerville area. [MORE INFO](#)

**Mystery Craft Making Social (50+):** Tuesday, September 26. Come prepared for fun and creativity! What you will create is a mystery... Enjoy dessert and refreshments before walking away with your hand-crafted Masterpiece. [MORE INFO](#)

### **Senior Services:**

#### **Classes:**

August was a big hit with our fitness programs! Light & Easy Aerobics averaged a whopping 26 students and Chair Strength, Balance, and Flexibility averaged 10 students, up by 6 and 4, respectively. Tai Chi classes averaged 8 students while line dancing classes averaged 10 students. Both programs increased from July. We had one free seminar for the month of August from Legal Assistance for Seniors; 5 registered for the Consumer Fraud: Scams Targeting Seniors and Tips. Drop-in programs picked up as well, especially in Bridge, and Mah Jong which was great to see! Finally, our Tech support program for Seniors, taught by High School kids, saw a total of 8 hours split between 9 seniors. Hoping to build on this momentum come the Fall season!

#### **Trips:**

On registration day last month, our Pop-Up trip to see the Tina Turner SF Broadway Musical sold out in 7 minutes, a new record! The 55-passenger bus rolled out on August 2<sup>nd</sup> for lunch at Union Square, and then on to the show at the Golden Gate Theater. Our guests had a wonderful day in the city!

On August 15<sup>th</sup>, registration for the upcoming trip to the September 13<sup>th</sup> Giants game filled the 35-passenger bus within minutes, which triggered a larger bus to be ordered along with more tickets to the game. Watch for the final report next month.

Activities:

The Mystery Movie at the Vine Theater was sold-out with 20 movie enthusiasts attending the movie ... Barbie. They were pleasantly surprised by the messages and lessons learned throughout, and basically agreed that it was not a movie geared for kids while meeting at Zephyr Grill for appetizers and a 3.5 group rating.

**Open Space:**

August always marks the end of Summer Nature Camp 2023. This year at summer camp went very smoothly, thanks to our amazing staff. I know open space staff will miss the children playing outside the office and the children will miss the summer of experiences that they will never forget.

On August 1st, we joined the Livermore Police Department and the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department in the National Night Out. We visited three locations and met with over 100 people from around Livermore. The community met with one of our animal ambassadors, Wiggles, our California Kingsnake. It is always a great community outreach event where we bring Sycamore Grove to people in their communities.

The Rangers went to the volunteer appreciation event. It was great to thank the people face to face who put in so much effort for LARPD. Rangers also continued to do summertime programs for the kids at ESS. We engaged them with hands-on learning about a wide variety of nature subjects.

We are looking forward to September as we head towards fall and get ready for in-class school programs and Sycamore Science Camp.

Facility Rentals:

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

| <b>Facility</b>                              | <b>Type of Activity</b> | <b>Total Rentals for the Month</b> | <b>Total Monthly Hours</b> |
|--|-------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Ravenswood                                   | Facility Rentals        | 2                                  | 20                         |
| Ravenswood                                   | Wedding Rehearsals      | 1                                  | 1                          |
| Ravenswood/RLCC                              | Facility Rental Tours   | 18                                 | 18                         |
| Ravenswood                                   | Photo Permits           | 1                                  | 2                          |
| RLCC   | Facility Rentals        | 7                                  | 70                         |
| RLCC   | On-going Rentals        | 5                                  | 15                         |
| <b>Total Facility Rentals for the Month:</b> |                         | <b>34</b>                          | <b>126</b>                 |



**Facility Operations:**

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

- Day-to-Day Operations & District Support:

| <b>Operations</b>  | <b>Staff</b> | <b>Days</b> | <b>Time</b>      | <b>Total Hours Weekly</b> | <b>Total Hours Monthly</b> |
|--|--------------|-------------|------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Outlying Facility Restroom Cleaning: Ravenswood, Carnegie, & Vets Hall | 1            | M/W/F       | 6:30 am-9:30 am  | 4-6                       | 16-20                      |
| RLCC Operations & Custodial  | 3            | M-F         | 7:30 am-10:00 pm | 217.5                     | 870                        |
| RLCC Operations & Custodial  | 2            | Saturdays   | 8:00 am-8:00 pm  | 24                        | 96                         |
| Park Restrooms: Field Rentals  | 2            | Sat         | 8:00 am-8:00 pm  | 24                        | 48                         |
| Park Restrooms: Field Rentals  | 2            | Sun         | 7:00 am-3:00 pm  | 16                        | 32                         |

- Community Services program and service support:

| <b>Program</b>                       | <b>Task</b>      | <b>Staff</b> | <b>Days</b>                  | <b>Total Hours Weekly</b> | <b>Total Hours Monthly</b> |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Open Heart Kitchen                   | Setup & Takedown | 2            | M-F                          | 15 hours                  | 60 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                     |
| Line Dancing                         | Setup            | 1            | Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays | 30 minutes                | 6 hours                    |
| Golden Circle                        | Setup & Takedown | 2            | Mondays                      | 30 minutes                | 2 hours                    |
| Movie Madness                        | Setup & Takedown | 1            | Monday                       | 1 hour                    | 2 hours                    |
| Tai Chi                              | Setup & Takedown | 2            | Monday, Friday               | 30 minutes                | 2 hours                    |
| 3-D Greeting Cards                   | Setup & Takedown | 1            | Friday                       | 30 minutes                | 1 hour                     |
| Pressed Flower Art                   | Setup & Takedown | 1            | Thursday                     | 30 minutes                | 1 hour                     |
| Estate Planning                      | Setup & Takedown | 1            | Thursday                     | 30 minutes                | 1 hour                     |

|  |                  |   |                   |            |         |
|--|------------------|---|-------------------|------------|---------|
| Light & Easy Aerobics                        | Setup & Takedown | 1 | Tuesday, Thursday | 30 minutes | 2 hours |
| Strength, Balance, and Flexibility           | Setup & Takedown | 1 | Tuesday, Thursday | 30 minutes | 2 hours |
| Consumer Fraud: Scams Targeting Seniors Tips | Setup & Takedown | 1 | Thursday          | 30 minutes | 1 hour  |
| LARPD Board Meetings                         | Setup & Takedown | 2 | Wednesday         | 15 minutes | 1 hour  |

- Recreation Classes and Programs (Setup & Takedown average 30 minutes/week/program)

| <b>Program/Camp</b>                                 | <b>Monthly Registration</b> |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Incrediflix – Live Action Flix/Claymation (2 camps) | 29                          |
| Spanish Academy                                     | 12                          |
| Challenge Island – Slimetopia 2                     | 14                          |
| <b>Total Registered:</b>                            | <b>55</b>                   |

**Sports Facility Rentals:**

Opening weekend of Fusion soccer recreation took place August 26/27utilizing13 fields at 3 facilities: 4 fields Robert Livermore, 6 fields Bill Payne and 3 fields at Sunset.

Livermore Junior Football League held their opening day jamboree at Robertson Park. The jamboree included leagues for neighboring cities, with approximately 15 teams participating with football players and cheerleaders along with parents, grandparents, other family, and friends in attendance.

A community outreach event was held by Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance at May Nissen Park on August 12<sup>th</sup>. They estimate having 400 people in attendance with 14 nonprofit vendor booths where they handed out resource information, health kits, backpacks and served food to the community.

We hosted 7 Splash Parties in August, all were very successful, the feedback has been very positive.

LARPD Recreation staff was outstanding this summer! This team led summer camps reaching 843 campers while also leading a variety of afternoon and evening programs that reached an additional 467 participants. We are proud to have provided outstanding services to 1,310 children in 9 weeks of summer, which is an average of 146 kids per week coming through the doors of the Recreation Building!

| <b>Park Location</b> | <b>Total Rentals</b> | <b>Total Rental Hours</b> |
|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Robertson Park       | 70                   | 428                       |
| Cayetano             | 28                   | 124                       |
| Ernie Rodrigues      | 4                    | 10                        |
| Robert Livermore     | 0                    | 0                         |
| Christensen          | 24                   | 69                        |
| Max Baer             | 18                   | 58                        |

|                              |            |             |
|------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Independence                 | 32         | 145         |
| Altamont Creek               | 0          | 0           |
| Bill Payne                   | 0          | 0           |
| Hagemann                     | 0          | 0           |
| May Nissan Pickleball Courts | 46         | 82          |
| Gymnasium                    | 65         | 192         |
|                              |            |             |
| <b>Total:</b>                | <b>287</b> | <b>1108</b> |

| <b>Picnic Rentals</b>     | <b>Total Rentals</b> | <b>Number of Attendees</b> |
|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| May Nissen (main site)    | 7                    | 790                        |
| May Nissen (tennis court) | 10                   | 538                        |
| Big Trees                 | 6                    | 200                        |
| Hagemann                  | 0                    | 0                          |
| Independence              | 0                    | 0                          |
| Robertson Park Pole Barn  | 0                    | 0                          |
| Cayetano                  | 2                    | 80                         |
| Robert Livermore          | 4                    | 370                        |
|                           |                      |                            |
| <b>Total:</b>             | <b>29</b>            | <b>1978</b>                |

**Sports & Fitness Programs and Classes:**

Recreation Summer Camps:

Week 8 was All Ball week. While campers made a paper plate ball and a cup & ball craft, the vibe this week has been ALL BALL, all week! Literally all the ball games - basketball, football, kickball, wiffleball, soccer, dodgeball, and more! They celebrated Friday with silly ball games; think real sports with a twist. There was a hidden all-ball trivia hunt throughout the week (similar to a hidden Mickey) with different balls hidden around campus containing trivia questions about that sport. Kids and coaches loved this week!

Week 9 was Adventure Land week. Campers embarked on various adventures, searching for hidden treasures, and participating in a scavenger hunt. The winning team discovered a treasure chest of gold coins, sparkling rings, necklaces, and yummy treats! All teams were successful in finding clues, completing challenges, and winning prizes.

Pee Wee Sports Camp is for 3 ½-5 years old, where our pee wee stars are outdoors, playing games, learning new sports, and making new friends.

LARPD Gone Camping Craft Camp. LARPD Gone Camping Craft Camp was a fun-filled week of crafts pertaining to nature and the great outdoors. The campers did nature walks around the LARPD facility to collect items they could use throughout the week in their craft-making. They made walking sticks, painted rocks, molded clay pots, windchimes, binoculars, and bird feeders. The week ended with a good old-fashioned smores-making party and an art walk to display all their projects for family and friends.

Several other recreational camps are offered through independent contractors, such as tennis, youth pickleball, flag football, track and field, soccer, skateboarding, and scootering. There is something for everyone; there is a lot of FUN happening this summer within LARPD Recreation!

| <b>Program</b>                    | <b>Total Registered Participants</b> |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| LARPD Hot Shots Basketball        | 149                                  |
| LARPD Pee Wee Classes             | 29                                   |
| LARPD Kids Night Out              | 39                                   |
| LARPD Summer Sports Camp          | 75                                   |
| LARPD Pee Wee Sports Camp         | 42                                   |
| LARPD Craft Camp                  | 12                                   |
| Arora Tennis                      | 93                                   |
| Skyhawks Sports                   | 80                                   |
| Rob Skate – Skateboard & Scooter  | 46                                   |
| Youth/Adult Karate                | 19                                   |
| Adult Yoga                        | 6                                    |
| Pickleball Introduction (adult)   | 25                                   |
| Pickleball Camp (youth)           | 8                                    |
| Drop-In Pickleball                | 286                                  |
| <b>Total Participants Served:</b> | <b>209</b>                           |

**FACILITIES AND PARK MAINTENANCE:**

The month of August sees the completion of many outstanding projects. Repairs to storm damaged trails and storm drains inside Holdener Park were completed this month. Though the repairs were rudimentary, environmental restrictions and conditions had to be observed. Asphalt debris was removed from the stream bed inside sycamore grove under the same conditions. Asphalt repairs for this same damaged trail section are scheduled in the month of September. Notices for trail repairs along the Arroyo Mocho Trail from Concannon Blvd through Stanley Blvd have been posted on LARPD’s website and social media. These repairs are set to begin in the first week of September. Repairs to the culvert crossing near the Wetmore entrance are scheduled to begin in September as well.

Other projects are moving forward as well. Inside Sycamore Grove at the reservation picnic area there are plans in place to install a new restroom building. To meet required fire codes, a firefighting water supply must be provided. To accommodate this, a water tank and fire connection/hydrant will be installed. The Facilities team has prepared the site and the final installation will be completed by contractors in September.



Concrete Pour



Water Tank

Sadly, vandalism and the destruction of property is always a concern within the District. Vandalism to portable restrooms has been particularly pervasive this year. In an attempt to stem this rising tide, the Facilities team has begun fabricating surround walls around the portable units, preventing tipping and other concerns. They look nice too.



Toilet Enclosure

In preparation for the start of preschool next week, The Facilities team has been working on many improvement projects. Repairs to the roof at Christensen PS were completed earlier this month and new flooring was installed in Little House PS as well.





Flooring at Little House Preschool

The summer months are the costliest in utility expenses for the District. From July 1<sup>st</sup> through July 31<sup>st</sup>, the District spent \$259,561 for water. This combines potable water as well as irrigation water. This number is \$15,561 over budget (6% above).

For this same time period, the District spent \$44,671 on electricity and gas. This number is \$592 above the budget amount of \$44,079. (net 0%)

### **Parks Maintenance:**

The Parks Department had about 24.25 hours of vandalism (graffiti abatement) reported. 4 gallons of post-emergent weed control have been sprayed. Mechanical weed abatement (mowing) along rural trails, etc., is in progress. 22 lbs. Diphacinone (gopher bait) has been applied.

Ravenswood Apple Orchard irrigation has been renovated with the installation of 2 new irrigation valves. Improvement in irrigation and turf appearance is evident.

Ongoing dead tree removal and safety pruning continues throughout the District's parks and trails.

### **August Irrigation Repairs:**

Sprinkler repair/replacement - 237

Main line repairs – 4

Irrigation Valve repairs – 19

Lateral line repairs - 10

Valve box repairs – 1

3 – Irrigation valves and laterals installed

### **Mechanic's Shop:**

Vehicle Service and Repairs:

- V09- Exhaust regen
- 238BPX & 2389BPN- Changed dead battery



- V27- Replaced left mirror
- V32- Coolant leak, replaced radiator
- V37- Service/ Inspection
- V40- Wiper in-op, replaced wiper switch
- 238D85- Mounted and balanced 2 front tires
- V25, V33, V26- Pre-smog Inspection

Mower and Tractor Services and Repairs:

- E083-Directional pedal sticks, replaced linkage bearing
- Installed a brake away system on the mower trailer
- E086-Installed blade belt
- E081- Gopher machine with no start engine- Seizes- replaced engine, fabricated new exhaust flange
- E38- No crank-adjusted shifter linkage
- E054- Blade in-op reinstalled blade belt
- E086- Hub Service

Additional Tasks Performed:

- Shop maintenance
- Parts ordering and pick up
- Parts Inventory
- Weekly and monthly reports
- Went to Stockton to pick up E083
- Assembled new gopher machine

**Trails Update:**

Nothing new. We continue to work with the City of Livermore on connector trails. The planning for these connectors continues to be a focus of the city with LARPD commenting on the work.

Respectfully submitted,



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