



Livermore Area
Recreation and Park District
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**GENERAL MANAGER'S MONTHLY UPDATE
TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON ISSUES AND PROJECTS
AUGUST 2024**

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

Attendance in our summer programs has increased by 14% year over year. On July 4th, we hosted our first ever Independence Day Dash at Sycamore Grove Park, a true community event that brought Livermore families together for a morning of fun. We hope to make this an annual tradition. With the City of Livermore discontinuing nighttime fireworks, this event provided a patriotic community gathering for all ages. This summer, we completed four major projects, including three new playgrounds and the replacement of the Cayetano artificial turf headlining the list.

Trails Update: The District is making progress with Zone 7 on proceeding with the Patterson Ranch Trail.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In July, Board members attended two regular board meetings, plus a Public Meeting in the Park at Ravenswood Park. The Personnel Committee Meeting was held on July 8th and Facilities Committee Meeting on July 10th. The Program Committee meeting on July 1st was cancelled as was the Finance Committee meeting on July 22nd. Board members attended the Jack Williams Neighborhood Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and enjoyed the inaugural Independence Day Dash 5k and Kids Run at Sycamore Grove Park. Additionally, members of the Board of Directors participated in meetings at the following:

- Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce Business Alliance
- Livermore Rotary
- Alameda County Special Districts Association Membership Meeting
- LVCC Wine Country Luncheon

Board actions for the month included:

- o Resolution No. 2812 approving the Tri-Valley Intergovernmental Reciprocal Services Master Agreement and authorizing the General Manager to execute said Agreement.
- o Resolution No. 2813 authorizing the General Manager to execute a Contract Between Zone 7 of Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District and the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District for a Treated Water Supply, for a 30-year term.

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

- a. Program Committee Meeting: August 5, 2024, 1:00 p.m., West Conference Room.
- b. Personnel Committee Meeting: August 13, 2024, 2:30 p.m., West Conference Room.
- c. Facilities Committee Meeting: August 14, 2024, 3:00 p.m., West Conference Room.
- d. Regular Board Meeting: August 14, 2024, 5:00 p.m., Sycamore Room.
- e. Finance Committee Meeting: August 26, 2024, 2:00 p.m., West Conference Room.
- f. Regular Board Meeting: August 28, 2024, 5:00 p.m., Sycamore Room.

LARPD Public Meeting in the Park at Vista Meadows Park: Wednesday, August 21 at 6:00 p.m.: The purpose of the meeting is to provide an update on current LARPD projects, hear feedback or suggestions on any local park issues, Vista Meadows Park, or any other LARPD facility or program.
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HUMAN RESOURCES

Staffing: Six positions were filled in the month of August, and we have seven open requisitions. Some of these requisitions have multiple positions associated with them.

Many of the openings are filled with internal candidates as a promotional opportunity. Promoting from within is a good testament to an organization's health. Internal promotion creates a domino effect, but it is worth the extra challenge.

Recent promotions from within include two new Youth Services Supervisors, three coordinators and a lead teacher.

Benefits: In the benefits world, HR had renewal meetings with the benefits broker Newfront. We discussed the upcoming renewals for our short-term disability, long-term disability and accidental death and dismemberment insurance. The good news is the rates will stay flat for the next renewal cycle. We also met with our employee assistance program provider. LARPD earned kudos from our vendor Concern for our utilization rates. Benefits work is never done. We also reviewed amendments to the 457 plans which have no direct impact on employees and updated mandatory Medicare information.

Learning Management: Cornerstone went live on Monday, July 8th. Since then, 56 employees have logged into the new learning management system. On August 1st, HR held a meeting at the MSC for the Parks employees to ensure smooth log in and navigation.

Affordable Care Act (ACA) Compliance: HR generated hours worked reports for all casual employees so that supervisors and managers can monitor total hours worked during the year. If a non-benefited employee works more than 1560 hours in a year, they must be offered medical benefits for the next year to comply with the ACA.

Email Clean-Up: The email addresses were cross referenced against the list of active employees to ensure accuracy.

Planning for All Employee Appreciation Picnic: The all-employee summer picnic will be held on Friday, August 9th. Preparation for this event was a priority with our interns supporting this endeavor.

Congratulations and Farewell: Chelynn Watkins and Amber Maugeri from HR graduated from the 2024 Leadership Livermore. Congratulations!

Zach Walsh will wrap up his intern assignment on August 9th and heading to his next internship with Disney in Florida. It was a pleasure to have Zach in the HR organization. He made an impact and will be missed.

FINANCE

Preliminary Financial Results for the Year: While the 2023-2024 fiscal year has not been officially closed out just yet, preliminary financial results for the year are as follows: Total revenues are 1% better than budget at \$24.233 million. Salary and benefits expenses are right on budget at \$13.976 million, and services and supplies expenses are 2% better than budget at \$8.590 million. Operating capital was over budget, as the District was able to accommodate some much-needed equipment replacements during the year that had not initially been planned for. The preliminary bottom line for FY23-24, as compared to the mid-year update, is \$74k better than budget.

New Budgeting Tool: District supervisors and managers attended a software demonstration for a new budgeting tool, which would replace the current excel-based process. This new tool, which can integrate with the District's accounting system, would significantly reduce the number of hours it takes to create and consolidate the budget models, allow for what-if scenario planning, and result in more efficient reporting, as the budgeting tool would replace the current reporting software so that both budgeting and reporting are done in one system. Finance received positive feedback from staff regarding the demonstration, so the next step will be getting an agreement in place. The hope is that, after an estimated 12-week implementation, we will be able to go live with the new system in time for the mid-year budget process.

COMMUNITY SERVICES & RECREATION

Youth Services: ESS & Preschool

Changes: The Youth Services department has been transitioning under new leadership with the recent in-house promotion of Brenda Rios and Harmony Brockman. Brenda and Harmony oversee the ESS and preschool programs as Child Development Supervisors.

Summer Overview: Summertime is Youth Services' busiest time of year with ESS operating full day programs providing a variety of experiences and activities for the children. Each ESS program plans and implements their own summer theme, such as the Paris Summer Olympics, National Parks, Games, Route 66, and Amazing Artists. They develop engaging curriculum that relates to the summer theme, while also participating in additional experiences through field trips and on-site visits from community resources. Below are some examples of these trips, onsite venues, and theme day curriculum activities from this summer.

<u>Fieldtrips:</u>	On-Site Visitors:	Theme Day Curriculum:
Bowling @ Granada Bowl Swimming @ May Nissen & RLCC Pool Sky Zone Trampoline Park Visiting local parks Livermore Cinemas Downtown Lizzy Fountain Donut Wheel Menchies Round Table Pizza Golden Skate A’s Game Alameda County Fair	Kona Ice Truck Ricky Roo & Friends Puppet Show Fur, Scales, & Tails Face Painter & Temporary Tattoos Uncle Jer’s Bee Show LARPD Rangers Marley the Parti Poodle (Therapy dog) Rebecca the Bubble Lady Magicians	Tie Dye Day Water Relay Races Water Play Day Neon Dance Party Diamond Painting Box Creations Fort Day Toy from home day Pirate week Ooey Gooley slime week Teddy Bear Picnic Backyard Olympics USA week

- Club Opportunities: Gardening, Legos, Art, Bubbles, Science, Group Games, Jewelry,

Reading Program: Several of the ESS programs support the Livermore Library’s reading program by providing a set time daily for the children to either independently read or listen to the staff read to them. This enables the children to log their reading time for the library’s program either online or on their reading game boards to work toward their reading goals. Some sites will award the top readers at the end of the summer with a special prize or experience such as going out for lunch of their choice.

Preschool Summer Camp: This summer preschool planned and implemented very successful summer camps. They provided two sessions. Each session had two classes, both of which were fully enrolled. They were a big hit, and the littles loved them. These programs served a total of 80 preschoolers and operated from 9am-12pm three days a week, for a total of 6 weeks. Their themes included exploring art, playdough & mud kitchen, science, and art & building.

Mommy & Me: This summer we also provided “Mommy & Me” sessions. There were two sessions offered with two classes for each of them. The classes ran from 9am-11am & 11:30am-1:30pm. These classes were very successful. The parents and children had a great time exploring different activities as well singing and dancing together.

Senior Services

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

Program/Camp	Monthly Registration
Gentle Strength, Balance, & Coordination – 2 classes	59 registrants
Chair Strength, Balance, & Flexibility – 2 classes	11 registrants
Line Dancing w/ Delores (Beginner)	11 registrants
Line Dancing w/ Gary – 3 classes	49 registrants
Zumba Gold Basic w/ Christina – 5 classes	50 registrants
Zumba Gold w/Alice – 6 classes	44 registrants
Yoga for Self-Care	14 registrants
Tai Chi for Seniors Level 1 & 2	13 registrants
Tai Chi Level 3B	4 registrants
3-D Greeting Cards	8 registrants
Consumer Fraud: Scams Targeting Seniors Discussions common scams	15 registrants
Total Registered:	278 registrants

Trips: On July 11th, 43 enthusiastic seniors watched the San Francisco Giants challenge the Toronto Blue Jays. With great seats along the first baseline, our fans were treated to a great view, a \$25 credit for lunch and an unforgettably beautiful day at the park.

On July 24th, our seniors were off to Union Square to enjoy their favorite restaurants for brunch or early lunch before heading to the Orpheum Theatre to behold the Broadway hit musical version of the 1993 “Mrs. Doubtfire”.

Activities: On July 10th, 20 movie-goers attended the Mystery Movie at the Vine, viewing the film “Thelma”. The story was an engaging and humorous snapshot of life depicting scams aimed at the Senior population. The group had plenty to talk about during the discussion afterwards at the Zephyr Grill, giving it a collective 4.5-star rating!

On July 18th, 21 Seniors enjoyed the July Crafting Social as they created their own family trees, pet-family tributes, or clusters of inspiring words with Scrabble tiles displayed in crossword fashion. Our guest's creativity brought them memories to share or give as gifts to friends or loved ones.

This month, the Ed Kinney Speaker Series at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton, our seniors enjoyed the life and times of “Pan Am Betty” was captured by a Chautauqua scholar depicting her in “stewardess” character, taking you back to the 1960s in-flight industry aboard brand-new Pan Am jets and the nuances of that era.

In our RLCC Vintage Lounge, the Netflix movies this month were “*Moneyball*” and “*Greater*” both of which had them entertained throughout the films. Both movies were enjoyed by our local movie enthusiasts while staying cool during the heat wave.

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

Community Outreach



The Community Outreach team kicked off July with inaugural Independence Day Dash 5k and Kids Run at Sycamore Grove Park to celebrate the holiday. We had 350 participants along with dozens of volunteers show up to have a great morning! This first-time event was an enormous success and hopefully the start of a long tradition. Proceeds from the run were donated to the LARPD Foundation Towards the end of the month, Community Outreach Supervisor David Weisgerber gave welcome remarks at the Opening Ceremonies at the Little League Intermediate World Series and both Director Phil Pierpont and LARPD's Ambassador, Boomer, threw out first pitches throughout the week. Our team also issued two press releases this month highlighting the success of the new Rec-On-The-Go program and informing the public that two Board seats will be up for election in November.

Finally on Wednesday, July 31, the Board of Directors, staff, and community members participated in the ribbon cutting at Jack Williams Park celebrating the completion of three new playground installations at Jack Williams, Bill Clark, and Ida Holm Parks.

The outreach team also connected the community with LARPD program offerings through email communication, social media, peach jar, and www.larpd.org. Throughout the month, the team sent 21,092 emails with a 64% 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, 61 posts were shared generating 108,773 impressions. Highlights included Rec-on-the-Go at Pleasure Island Park, Taylor Swift Dance Party, Ribbon Cutting at Jack Williams, and the Adaptive Recreation Ice Cream Social. On www.larpd.org, July page views were 193,210. The most visited pages being the District Calendar, Aquatics Information, Summer Recreation Guide, and Camp Shelly information.

Volunteer Program: July continued with Summer Youth Volunteers assisting throughout the District including the Independence Day Dash, Eras Dance Party, Adaptive Recreation Ice Cream Social, plus all of the additional summer camps and programs. On August 2, Community Services Intern, Isabella Casteneda led the Summer Youth Volunteer end-of-summer appreciation event at the Robert Livermore Aquatics Center.

Information Technology: LARPD received eight responses to the Request for Proposals for IT Managed Services. We had a panel review all proposals and will be conducting finalist interviews and expect to award a contract in mid-August.

LARPD Foundation: Foundation trustees volunteer at two events supporting their cause including the Independence Day Dash and the Alden Lane Art Under the Oaks. It was a largely successful month in the community spreading word about their cause and raising funds.

Upcoming Key Dates/Events (Snapshot):

Summer Youth Volunteer Appreciation: Friday, August 2. All Summer Youth Volunteers are invited to celebrate the summer for a pizza and pool party at the Hot Nights Recreation Swim. Volunteers will receive certificate of completion at the event.

Pop-Up Trip to Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park: Thursday, August 8. Join us for a motorcoach visit to Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park in Felton to absorb the beauty and serenity of the old-growth Redwood forest. You'll be amazed to behold the stillness of the rainforest and feel the temperature drop amongst the 300' tall trees, some of which are 2000 years old! [MORE INFO](#)

Rec-On-The-Go at Independence Park: Friday, August 9: We're bringing excitement to you with games, sports, and crafts for all ages. Look for our mobile recreation team and be ready to join the fun for the final Rec-On-The-Go of the Summer! [MORE INFO](#)

Kids Night Out at the Pool – Hula-Palooza: Friday, August 9, 6-9pm. Grab your swimsuit, a towel, and a FRIEND for a fun Luau themed Friday night of swimming along with games/activities indoors. [MORE INFO](#)

Adaptive Recreation Youth Sports Day: Saturday, August 10. Join LARPD for a FREE specialized event for people with developmental/intellectual disabilities (IDD). Meet us on the field for drills, games, and a whole lot of fun! [MORE INFO](#)

Ravenswood Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social: Sunday, August 11, 12 – 4 pm. Activities include docent tours, lace making, a ranger booth, the History Mobile, Native Bird Connections, a 4H small animal meet and greet, music provided by Amos Productions, and magic performed by The Amazing Cervantes. [MORE INFO](#)

Fall Registration Begins (Livermore Residents): Wednesday, August 14 at 9:00am. View and register for programs at www.larpd.org/guide.

Applefest: Sunday, August 25. Join us at the Ravenswood Historic Site to explore the heirloom apple orchard and taste boutique apple varieties you can't find in stores! Ongoing activities from 12 – 4 pm: Lend a hand to help press fresh apple cider for tasting, make your own "apple slinkie", play some old-fashioned games, take a docent-led tour of the historic Ravenswood Estate, or make an apple craft!. [MORE INFO](#)

Aquatics



Swim Team: We've wrapped up the swim season on a high note, with the LARPD Electric Eels placing 5th at the Valley Swim League championship meet. This is a testament to the growth and success of our program, and we couldn't be prouder of our swimmers' achievements.

Partners: The Aquacowboys finished another year-round season and will be taking a break in August. We are excited to see them back in September and watch the team flourish.

Tri-Valley Aquatics utilized both the May Nissen Swim Center and the Robert Livermore Community Center this Summer. It was great to help another club, as their home pool is undergoing replaster work.

LARPD will be hosting some Las Positas water polo practices as their pools undergo replaster work. It was great that we could extend a helping hand to our local community college.

Water Exercise: We have expanded water exercise to Tuesday and Thursday nights, and it is a huge hit! Summer has brought out new participants, and there are on average over 20 participants per class. We recently hired an additional instructor to keep up with our classes' demands. More than 500 visitors came for water exercise!



Masters Water Polo: Our masters water polo continues to grow. It was great to see the master water polo team come back stronger than ever. With over 150 visits in July! We are seeing a lot of crossovers with the LAC masters swim team. It has been great for the adult community to have two teams.

Lap Swim: Due to the summer heat, many people participated in lap swimming. We had 1,712 lap swim visits in July.

Recreation Swim: Tot time and hot nights have seen a huge expansion with the hot summer. Hot nights had 1,200 participants, tot time over 1,100, rec swims at RLAC 3,600, and finally, May Nissen swim center with 2,672 visitors!

Lessons: Sessions 2 and 3 started in July, with the addition of the Junior Lifeguard program. We are currently on track to teach over 1600 lessons this summer.

Sports Facility Rentals

Two basketball tournaments took place in the gymnasium, with local bay area and northern CA teams in attendance.

One LARPD Sports Birthday Party took place in the gymnasium. Party hosts can choose a sport such as basketball, dodgeball, volleyball, pickleball and wiffleball with free play included at the end of the party. The Fiesta room is decorated in the color scheme they choose and this where food, cake, presents, etc. take place. Two LARPD staff are on hand to facilitate the party, run the sports/activities in the gym and assist the parents with the party's flow.

Twelve Splash Parties took place at the RLCC Aquatic Center. Each rental is comprised of a private covered reserved space, a separate entrance for party hosts and guests, a party attendant, ability to have party attendant store cake, ice cream, sandwich trays, etc.

The heat wave in July affected outdoor rentals. Several sports groups and picnic rentals were cancelled due to a long streak of triple digit temperatures.

Total Park Rentals including Gymnasium: 422	Total Rental Hours: 1,091
Total Picnic Rentals: 23	Total Number of Picnic Attendees: 1,060

Sports & Enrichment Programs/Classes/Events

It is summertime and the campus is buzzing with kids aged 3-12 years old participating in a wide variety of camps.

Nearly 300 Swifties took over LARPD's Rec Building this past Saturday night for the ultimate Eras Tour Dance Party, and it was an absolute dream come true! Children and adults of all ages danced the night away, embracing the magic of Taylor Swift. Upon checking in, every guest received their personalized Eras Tour VIP lanyard—talk about feeling like a superstar! The dance floor was the heart of the party, where Swifties danced the night away. The event was a phenomenal success creating memories that will last a lifetime!

Adaptive Recreation was introduced at an Open House Ice Cream Social where approximately 60 people attended to meet LARPD staff and find out about upcoming Fall programming. This was an opportunity for parents and care givers to ask questions and provide feedback to us about what kind of programming they would like to see. More to come as we branch out to fulfill a need in our community.

LARPD Rec-On-The-Go has been a tremendous success! Sports staff take what we do every day to a different park each week offering a FREE drop-in program for the community. During July, we had over 200 participants in attendance. The Sprinkler and Popsicle Party was the most popular being held at Pleasure Island Park. We have received such positive feedback, and it is an opportunity for the community to ask questions, get a glimpse into what recreation opportunities LARPD has to offer the whole family.

Other enrichment classes offered by independent contractors have been Public Speaking, Sewing, Legos, Science, Cooking, Hip Hop, Coding, and Clay Art.

The RLCC Café has been open this summer for Tot Time, Recreation Swim hours, Friday Hot Nights and Swim Meets, offering snacks, sweets, drinks, and treats.

Program	Total Registered Participants
LARPD Eras Dance Party Event	297
LARPD Summer Camp	265
LARPD Pee Wee Summer Camp	190
LARPD Splash Camp	60
LARPD Craft Camp	27
LARPD Glitz Glitter Glam Dance Camp	40
LARPD Rec On The Go	210
LARPD Pee Wee Classes	47
LARPD Hot Shots Basketball	39

LARPD Practice & Play Basketball	33
LARPD Kids Night Out	45
LARPD Basketball Camp	14
Skateboard/Scooter Camp	27
Skyhawks Sports	101
Arora Tennis Camp	102
Arora Tennis Classes	75
Youth/Adult Karate	21
Youth/Adult Hip Hop	23
Youth Hip Hop Camp	39
Youth Beginning Pickleball Camp	22
Kidz Love Soccer Class	80
Adult Yoga	12
Pickleball Introduction (adult)	13
Drop In Pickleball	220
Fashion Design	34
Ballet	97
Challenge Island	30
Engineering for Kids	36
Gurus Public Speaking	16
Cooking Fiesta	20
Bricks 4 Kidz	24
Little Medical School	33
Athena Coding	15
Play-Well Tek	86
Sewing	15
Mad Science	75
Incrediflix	39
Clay Art	12
Total Participants Served:	2,534

Open Space



Counselor-in-Training Camp: July wrapped up our 3rd and final summer session of Counselor-in-Training (CIT) Camp at Sycamore Grove Park. Thirty-four (34) total graduates are now jumping in as volunteers with Summer Nature Camp. This year also marked the first year that a CIT graduate started working as a Summer Nature Camp Counselor. We hope many more will follow!

Summer Nature Camp: Summer is heating up, but that hasn't stopped summer nature campers from playing games, catching creek critters, and staying hydrated out at Sycamore Grove Park.



Interns Tour Open Space & Ravenswood Historic Estate: Interns Isabella, Zach, and Mason had the opportunity to tour Sycamore Grove Park, Brushy Peak, and Ravenswood Historic Estate with Interpreter Christine. They got a behind the scenes look at these sites while learning more about management of natural, cultural, and historical resources, and the program offerings Open Space provides to the public. Thank you to HR for organizing and these interns for their hard work this summer!



Livermore Public Library & LARPD Conservation Poster Contest: As part of the library's Summer Learning program, kids and teens in grades TK – 12 were invited to submit artwork for a Conservation Poster Contest highlighting what our communities can do to protect nature and conserve our resources. We received many wonderful submissions! The winners and runners-up of the contest are on display now at Sycamore Grove Park along Magpie Loop and next to the Arroyo Road Entrance Native Garden. Posters will be on display until September.



Park Updates/Natural Resource Management:

- **Chevron Work:** Pipeline work ended earlier than originally planned. Chevron has cleared the work sites and trails that were closed are now open.
- Rangers continue to manage **late-blooming invasive species** in the parks with mowing, mapping, and hand-pulling. Stinkwort and Yellow Star-thistle are both noxious and aggressive non-natives that will be an on-going project to manage in our open spaces.
- Open Space staff remains vigilant regarding **fire danger** with this hot and dry weather; Sycamore Grove Park and Holdener Park were closed due to extreme fire danger 8 times in July.
- The parking lots at Holdener Park and Sycamore Grove Park have freshly painted parking spot lines.
- The combination of heat and wind has led to some downed trees and branches in the park, including a downed sycamore tree across the Arroyo Del Valle Connector trail. Staff have removed the tree, and the trail is back open.

Volunteers:

- **Open Space Projects - Teen volunteers** constructed and installed a new barn owl box at Sycamore Grove Park. Throughout the summer, these teens have helped with trailblazing, decorating the Wetmore Office for visitors, and removal of invasive weeds.
- **Jr. Docent - Teen volunteers** have been staffing the Wetmore Office for visitors, preparing and executing crafts and activities that thematically change every weekend.
- **Service Workday:** In partnership with the Livermore Public Library, Open Space held a Service Workday at Sycamore Grove Park on Friday 7/12. Ten teen volunteers helped Ranger Gilbert with invasive species removal, including yellow star-thistle, one of the worst weeds found in California grasslands.

Staff Updates & Development: Open Space welcomed our new Natural Resource Technician Justin Emery to the team:

- Hi, my name is Justin Emery and I'm the new Natural Resource Technician with Open Space. I graduated from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo with a B.S in Environmental Management and Protection. Outside of work I train for triathlons, go rock climbing, and paint. I'm passionate about resource conservation and excited to work with the ecology throughout the district!



Upcoming: August will wrap up Summer Nature Camp and our summer volunteer opportunities, giving staff a bit of rest between programs before diving into the school year. With that being said, we're excited for our Applefest special event on 8/25 at the Ravenswood Historic Estate, and 2 partnership programs with the Livermore Public Library, in addition to our weekend ranger programs for the public and one last ranger visit this summer to ESS sites.

JULY 2024 Open Space	# of programs	# Participants (TOTAL)
School Programs	2	50
ESS	9	392
Ranger Programs	2	15
Special Events	9	669
Volunteer Opportunities	7	16
Nature Camps & CIT	29	344
JULY'24 Totals		1486

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.

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.

PARKS, FACILITIES, & MAINTENANCE

Parks Department Update: In preparation for the upcoming Little League World Series, park staff prune trees, order mulch, and clean the area. Significant progress has been made across various projects, we've completed the pruning of RLCC redwoods away from buildings and are actively raising trees to 8 to 12 feet at all parks. Mower training sessions have been held, and there's ongoing maintenance, including fallen branch clean-ups and irrigation repairs. The Livermore Downs Thatch Project is underway, while we continue to replace rules and regulations signs at parks and trails. Major adjustments and analytics have been applied to the summer irrigation schedule, and we are in the diagnosis phase for reengineering the Ernie Rodriguez Irrigation system. Sports field management, maintenance, and manual watering are ongoing, with additional pruning around the Independence Sports field perimeter.

World Series Field Prep:



Fallen branch clean-up:



Ongoing irrigation repairs:



Livermore Downs Thatch Project:



Facilities Department Update: Summer is in full swing and the July heat intense. The hot weather makes any outdoor project a challenge, and even potentially dangerous. Every year the Parks and Facilities teams each receive training on how to work safely in the heat and when to know that it's time to stop. We always have water on hand and take frequent breaks. We always wear the appropriate PPE and even provide portable shelter in the form of umbrellas or canopies if a project is in a fixed location that allows for it.

Poured in Place (PIP) surfacing for playgrounds requires regular maintenance either because of normal wear and tear, or due to vandalism. At Altamont Creek Park a spot already worn became a target for vandals who accelerated the damage. Facilities staff Steve Sommers and Ken Moniz patched the damaged surface so that it's good as new.



Livermore Downs pickleball courts were created in 2019. These are the first and only dedicated pickleball courts in LARPD's inventory. Any other courts are shared use, tennis and pickleball. These are also the oldest at just over 5 years. It's now apparent how the pickleball usage differs from tennis. Due to it's popularity and the number of players at any given time on the court, we are seeing much faster surface wear than we see in tennis courts. A typical tennis court, with normal usage, will typically need to be resurface in approximately 10 years at a cost of \$10,000 - \$12,000. Four

pickleball courts on the same size footprint as tennis will need to be resurface approximately every 5 years, at a cost of \$15,000 - \$20,000. Livermore Downs was just resurface at a cost of \$19,350.



Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'MF', written over a light blue grid background.

Mathew Fuzie
General Manager

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