

Parks Commission - Recreation Division - Report - 3/8/2023

No COVID-19 cases in Recreation at this time!

Recreation Division - Position status/Vacancy –

- Asst. Recreation Supervisor - on hold
- Recreation Programmer (Stephens)- interviewed on Feb. 24th ; selected applicant; awaiting approval
- JFDAC Fitness Specialist- awaiting approval

Community Centers:

Stephens Community Center: Still adding to Latchkey, Registration for the Men's League is ongoing. May have to combine 30 & 40 league, the 2nd & 3rd Grade Basketball League is going well, fourth and fifth grade division moved to Stephens due to goal malfunction at WCCC (spoke with RJ Love Enterprises to service basketball goal), water leak in classroom (work order submitted)

Goal – Get 2 Activity Assistants hired. Fill position for Programmer. Get Center floors stripped and waxed, replace bleachers and gym floors

Accomplishment – Held interviews for the programmer position.

Dunbar Community Center: Wrapped up regular season for K-1st, makeup games have to be played then tournament. Working on spring break schedule.

Goal – Have shelves removed in storage room

Accomplishment – Got storage room cleaned out

West Central Community Center: Great week at West Central CC Monday-Wednesday: Basketball games were played with no incidents. Wednesday, Games were moved to Stephen's due to a malfunction with the basketball goal. Friday we host our Mother-Son dance at 6:30pm. Our Facebook and Instagram pages have both gone live and we have new followers daily.

Goal – Update signage throughout the building

Accomplishment – Social media pages have gone live

Southwest Community Center: Benita Porter Mardi Gras- 2/21/23- 9am-3pm, Janeey Lawson-Health Wellness- 2/25/23- 9am-3pm, Lee Platt- 50th Birthday Party- 2/25/23- 4pm-10pm, SWCC Youth Choir & Dance – Wednesday 7pm-9pm, Saturday 11:30am- 1pm, Dance Workout (Adults)- Tuesday and Thursday(6pm-7pm), Volleyball Workout(All Ages)- Friday(5pm-8pm), Youth Basketball Practice: Times Varies (6pm-9pm), SWCC Spanish Course- Tuesdays and Wednesday- 6pm-6:45pm, Youth Basketball Games : Monday and Wednesday 6pm-9pm (4th and 5th Grade) ; Saturday 10am-12pm (3 and 4 years old), SWCC Latchkey Afterschool Program- Registrations Open

Goal – Increase Latch Key participation (Ongoing)

ELR Community Center: SWCC Youth Basketball team held their practice this week, on Wednesday 6:00pm – 7:15pm, and will continue until their season is completed. EStem Schools will have skills and drills at a later date and also spring try-outs for the following year. Carver Elementary used the multipurpose field for their Physical Education classes this week. **Some items for the warming shelter are still here for the next shelter, if needed. Don't forget, this is Arkansas weather. **Plumbers still plan to schedule with the clinic to do the isolations in certain areas, as water has to be shut off, when isolations are being done (ongoing). The Neighborhood Association held their meeting last week and will continue monthly unless cancelled by their president. There is still some use of the park (day, evenings and weekend), mostly avid joggers.

Goal – Host the Clinton School community focus group meeting. Prepare for the Marathon Expo (next Friday, Saturday, & Sunday), LR Police Dept. line-up (Sunday morning) and help with opening medals (Thursday) next week. Continue to clear/straighten/clean areas this will continue until completed.

Accomplishment – Helped with Aging & Active Mardi Gras program held at SWCC. Attended NeoGov and Finance Trainings. Also, will continue the above until completed.

Senior Programs: Daily Devotion, Cards/Bingo/Skip-Bo/ Bean Bag Practice/Exercise/Walking Bible Study, Arts and Craft, Pickleball, Ceramics, Jewelry making, etc. Black History Program and Nutrition Class

was held at East Little Rock Senior Center. West Central had Chair Volleyball Competition against Jacksonville Senior Center and Maumelle Senior Center, victorious in both!!!!!! Birthday Celebrations were held at West Central and Dunbar centers. Mardi Gras Celebration held at Southwest Community Center was a fantastic goooooood time. Participants were provided beads and a mask upon entering. Door prizes were awarded. All participants who danced were given a special mask. Let The Saints Come Marching in Parade was fun for all who threw the beads to the group.

Goal – Black History Programs, Active Shooter Training Class to be attended by Williams, Heitman, Tenpenny, Smith, Martindill, and McBeth at The Centre @ University Park.

Accomplishments – (1) Mardi Gras Celebration (2) Active Shooter Training Class attended by Johnson, Duncan, Porter, Rogers and Starks held at The Centre @ University Park.

The Centre at University Park:

- Continuing to reserve spaces for various City Board and interdepartmental meetings.

Goal – Contact Middleton Heating and Air to come and maintenance check both heat and air contacted commercial rep will contact me back with appointment date time etc. not completed to date.

Accomplishments – General Building Maintenance (Completed)

Youth Athletics: No report.

Therapeutic:

- The Branch Out group participated in a variety of activities at the Ottenheimer TR Center including celebrating Mardi Gras as well as increasing their fitness regimen.
- Sherrie Shinn, CTRS met with staff from the Sherwood Parks and Recreation department to educate on inclusion as well as facilitate a working relationship. The Sherwood Parks and Recreation department will be taking part in the 21st Annual Therapeutic Recreation Arts Festival, as will Benton Parks and Recreation. At this time there are 11 confirmed booth vendors for that event and one sponsor has been secured.

Goals:

- Begin recruiting process for candidates to fill vacant position Therapeutic Recreation Specialist
- Recruit new potential sponsors for event- continued.
- Confirm sponsorship and booth vendors for Arts Festival.
- Recruit new potential sponsors for event.

MacArthur Military Museum -

- Museum staff presented off-site programming to 65 students at the Stephens and Dunbar Community Centers this week. For the month on February, staff presented programming to a total of 241 students at the community centers at Dunbar, Stephens, and West Central.
- Thirty-eight persons attended the "Movies at MacArthur" film on Tuesday evening. The film, "The Big Burn," examined early development of the U.S. Forest Service and its efforts to fight a firestorm in August 1910 in the Northern Rockies. The fire burned more than three million acres and killed at least 78 firefighters. The federal government sent troops to help fight the fires, including men from the Buffalo Soldiers, the first division of African Americans to serve as professional peacetime soldiers. The movie series is averaging 40 persons per month so far in 2023.
- Museum staff presented off-site programming as part of the "Science After Dark" program at the Museum of Discovery on Thursday evening. Approximately 270 persons attended.
- Two of the museum staff attended the Active Shooter training on Wednesday, and the remaining three staff members are scheduled to attend next Wednesday.
- The museum hosted the Parks Maintenance Training Lunch on Friday. Approximately 50 maintenance workers attended.

Accomplishment:

- Completed Active Shooter training as well as NeoGov Hiring Managers training and Revenue Compliance Training.

- Completed interpretive panels for the upcoming exhibit on the Doolittle Raiders. The exhibit, "From Shangri-La to Tokyo: The Story of the Doolittle Raiders," will open on April 18.

Goal:

- Get Spanish translations posted to the museum's audio tour site. Christian Robles worked with museum staff to provide translations to the twenty stations that are part of the audio tour.

Athletics

- Ballfield has begun to rent to different groups softball practice and kickball. Allsop rented for 66 days starting on March 11th Hillcrest softball league.
- Will continue to try and retrieve emails to try and get in touch with teams who played in our league before the pandemic for our adult softball league.
- Inventory is complete will start to order items for the summer playground program. Start recruiting staff for Playground program until Assistant Program coordinator is hired.

Rebsamen Tennis:

Janan and Raul's junior and adult groups continue as usual

USTA Team Tennis spring schedule to begin scheduling soon, schedule for the spring is filling up very fast!

Working on bid process with Ron Ross trying to get courts 5, 6, 9, 10 resurfaced spring break week

First committee meeting for the Little Rock Open

Accomplishments: Meeting with LRC&VB to help with junior tournaments and Little Rock Open

Little Rock Open going to move forward and will have the event in 2023!

Goals: Working to secure a beneficiary for the Little Rock Open. Have both positions available online and posted for Malone position and Assistant Manager position

JDFAC – no report.

Rebsamen Golf: Goals: Customer Service Training; Introduce a New Menu Item or Special; Sod 200ft. of Hole # 18.

First Tee – Goals:

Goals:

- Continuing to learn new things with POS System
- Working on implementing the Loyalty Point System

Accomplishments:

- Robbie came out and rode the course with Clint to determine which trees need to be taken out on the course for added sunlight to the greens and tee boxes. This is a must for the quality of the course.

Last week Goal: I had several productive meetings with:

- Recreation Division has finalize LRM Health & Fitness Expo schedule of activities and staff assigned, staff shirts and expo credentials has been handed out. Banner is in production with a few issues hopeful they will have it ready on time.
- Golf cart bid information was completed by Ron and myself, awaiting Finance requisition approval.
- Met with Aquatic Team from both JDFAC and SW about creating in-service program with parents/child about our lifeguard program.
- Active Shooter, CivicRec, Hiring Manager training, and Revenue Compliance Training w/Parks Administration

This week Goal:

- Interviews at Rebsamen Tennis for Assistant Facility Supervisor on Monday
- Meet and finalize my work assignment before surgery Tuesday.