



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

It is summer already. You disagree? Around here, summer comes early with summer program registration open and active. We have had the biggest first day of registration ever with programs filling at a rate of speed not seen in previous years and with even more capacity available.

Rene Dalusong has started work in the General Manager's office in the capacity of Executive Assistant. Rene comes from the City Manager's Office in Livermore. Welcome Rene!

I have just returned from a trip to Ireland where we covered 2500 kilometers in 10 days using various modes of transportation. It was great to see so much green and then come home to so much green vegetation.

We are making progress on the Pump Track, but slow progress at that. The City has finally accepted our parking study as complete. Since so much time has gone by since we submitted for the permit, we are concerned that the cost of the project might go up again.

Trails Update:

Cemex has submitted plans for the trail at Lake A to the city for preliminary review. We have been included in the review process.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

In March, Board members attended two regular board meetings, one special meeting/Budget Workshop, and three standing committee meetings. Additionally, Directors participated in meetings at the following:

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

Board actions for the month included:

- Resolution No. 2806 approving the Second Restated and Amended Employment Agreement between LARPD and the General Manager Mathew L. Fuzie;
- A motion approving the LARPD Strategic Plan.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Staffing at the District:

It might still be cold and rainy, but summer hiring is in full swing! We have eight (8) new hires in March and three (3) more in pre-employment. Currently, we have 14 open positions (several of which have multiple seats.) The area of staffing concern continues to be in Youth Services. Therefore, it is important for LARPD to be out in the community for recruitment efforts.

HR attended the City of Livermore's Youth in Government Day on 3/27. The goal was to introduce students to careers in government related organizations as well as to showcase summer job opportunities. We had approximately 20 students stop by our booth. Several students were interested in Youth Services positions.

Nancy Blair joined HR at the Las Positas Summer job and intern fair on 3/27. Recruitments were underway for all summer positions with the focus on youth services.

Compliance:

As of January 2024, the IRS requires employers with 10 or more employees to file their Affordable Care Act documents (1094-B and 1094-C) electronically. We have successfully submitted our records for the first time, and they have been accepted by the IRS.

HR Projects:

We have started building out the new certifications tracking module in Cornerstone, our new learning management system. The certifications module will allow us to efficiently track all employee training that have an expiration date and/or recurrence schedule.

Employee engagement:

Employees were invited to participate in March Madness at the RLCC gym on Friday March 15th for informal basketball shooting and comradery. Employees were asked to pick the one team that they believe will make it to the NCAA final game. Employees that select one of the final two teams will be invited to an employee lunch and game of disc golf. We are hoping to introduce our own employees to the vast array of recreational opportunities the District provides to the community. UConn currently has the most "takers" ...we will see who wins.

FINANCE:

1. The District's mid-year budget process concluded with the Board Budget Workshop, which was held on March 13th. While the original FY23-24 budget showed an expected surplus of \$371k, the District now anticipates ending the fiscal year with a surplus approaching \$1.045 million. Staff have received direction from the Board regarding budget prioritization, which will help guide supervisors and managers as they continue to work on their FY24-25 budgets.

2. Preliminary financial results through the month of February 2024 are as follows: Total revenues through February are 1% better than budget at \$13.231 million. Salary and benefits expenses are 1% better than budget at \$8.716 million, and services and supplies expenses are 3% better than budget at \$5.810 million. As a result, the bottom line for FY23-24 through February, as compared to the recent mid-year update, is \$342k better than budget.
3. With the chart of accounts restructuring complete, Finance began work on other initiatives that will improve efficiencies within the department. While a few of the implementations may take a few months to complete, they will significantly benefit both internal staff, as well as some of the District's vendors. A process to begin initiating vendor payments via ACH is well underway, and the effort to implement the Fixed Assets module has begun.
4. The District submitted its documentation to CAPRI in support of its annual workers' compensation and general liability insurance requirements. This documentation, which includes payroll estimates, an annual ratings questionnaire, and property and vehicle schedules, will be used to calculate the District's premiums for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Youth Services:

ESS had been busy setting Leprechaun traps and celebrating March and the beginning of Spring. We have been enjoying the Ranger visits to all our programs, and the PE programs with the recreation team are a huge hit with all the kids.

Staff are busy planning for a creative and busy summer. Most sites will travel on foot, by Wheels bus, LARPD van, or the district car. Our Coordinator from Smith ESS has been working with Wheels to reinstate the #18 bus for the summer so our students from Michell, Smith, and Sunset have more opportunities to go swimming, downtown, and visit other ESS sites.

Preschool is thriving! Children are really showing us what they have learned so far, and it is really rewarding to see their progress and know they will do well entering TK or Kindergarten next fall.

Our preschoolers look forward to their weekly PE program and really enjoyed their visit from the Ranger.

We have planned two preschool summer camps for this summer and one Mommy and Me camp. Staff who are currently working in preschool will be developing and implementing these camps. The lucky campers can choose from four camps, including Muddy Messy Art, Building and Creative Art, Science, and Art Exploration, which includes mixed materials and techniques.

Community Outreach:

Summer Registration:

March was a big month for the community outreach team. We created the online summer activity guide hosted on our website at www.larpd.org/guide, which included hundreds of camps and

classes offered to the community. Summer registration began for Livermore residents on Wednesday, March 27 and was a massive success. The first day registration saw over 2,300 participants register generating \$551k in revenue (22% increase over 2023). This was LARPD's biggest first day in history even without non-resident registration or swim lessons. We promoted the opening through our email newsletters, Peach Jar, www.larpd.org, Your Town Monthly, social media channels, and mailed the postcard below to all 33,000 homes in Livermore.

Social Media Merge:

In March, we streamlined our social media channels to eliminate dedicated Open Space Instagram and Facebook pages. All Open Space content can now be found on our main district account to consolidate information about all things LARPD on Facebook and Instagram. This consolidation allows us to be more engaged, provide richer content, and serve the community from one central source. As an incentive to encourage users to migrate to our main account, we gave away a Sycamore Grove Parking Pass to ten randomly selected followers on our main accounts.

Community Communication:

Our team also continued to reach out to the community through email communication, social media, Peach Jar, and www.larpd.org, connecting the community to our program offerings. Throughout the month, the team sent 31,561 emails with a 63% open rate (37% 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, 68 posts were shared, generating 67K impressions. Highlights included photos from the staff participation in the Livermore Half Marathon, Kid's Night Out, Summer Registration Announcements, Senior Trips, and the Preschool Track Meet. On www.larpd.org, March page views grew to 200k, surging with summer registration. The most visited pages are the Events Calendar, Summer Recreation Guide, Summer Camps Weeks-At-A-Glance, and Board Meeting Calendar.

Outreach Events:

Additionally, Community Outreach Supervisor David Weisgerber presented an overview of LARPD and the District's role and impact on the Livermore community to the Real Estate Alliance of Livermore (REAL) on Thursday, March 28. Our team also set up a window display highlighting summer registration at the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce in Downtown Livermore on First Street. LARPD also participated as a community partner in the Livermore Half Marathon event run throughout Livermore, including Sycamore Grove and Holdener Park, on Sunday, March 3, which saw thousands of runners challenge themselves to run a half marathon, 5k, and kids run.

Information Technology:

In March, LARPD launched security cameras throughout the Robert Livermore Community Center to promote transparency and safety for staff and community members. Live feeds will be displayed at both front counters. Footage was used to help the Livermore Police Department investigate.

Volunteer Program:

Community Service Day: LARPD partnered with the City of Livermore and LVJUSD to launch registration for Community Service Day, scheduled for May 4, 2024. This is a community-wide day of service with over 30 volunteer projects throughout Livermore, culminating in a lunch held at Las Positas College with live music and a complimentary lunch for all volunteers. Registration

is open now and the group is expecting over 600 volunteers. Signup and sponsorship information is found at <https://www.livermoreca.gov/csd>

Upcoming Key Dates/Events

Olive Oil Tasting and Lunch (50+): Saturday, April 6. Meet at the Olivina Olive Oil tasting room in the vineyards for an informative presentation, tasting and tour, compliments of owner Charles Crohare. Hosted lunch will be at Country Waffles. [MORE INFO](#)

Wildflowers of the Arroyo at Del Valle with EBRPD: Sunday, April 7 at DEL VALLE: Join the East Bay Regional Park District and Livermore Area Recreation and Park District to discover what wildflowers are blooming in the Arroyo Valle habitat. [MORE INFO](#)

Mystery Movie at the Vine (50+): Wednesday, April 10. Join us for a mystery movie at the Vine Cinema with friends! We'll be surprised by what we see. 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](#)

Spring Flower Arranging Social: Friday, April 12. Arranging fresh flowers is a relaxing and rewarding experience. Join us while we walk you through the process of creating your own colorful spring floral arrangement to take home. [MORE INFO](#)

Summer Youth Volunteer Assessments: April 11 and 17. All summer volunteers will attend an assessment day to participate in activities and meet staff to determine the best fit for volunteering this summer. [MORE INFO](#)

Cosmo the Magician (Family Event): Sunday, April 14, 4-6 pm. Presenting Cosmo the Magician: A FREE Magical Experience for the Whole Family! Join us for an unforgettable journey where magic and meaningful messages come together in an evening of entertainment for the entire family! [MORE INFO](#)

Ravenswood Docent Tours: 2nd and 4th Sundays, 12 – 4 pm. 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](#)

Earth Day Celebration: Saturday, April 20. There is no Planet B... so it's best we take good care of this one! Celebrate Earth Day at Sycamore Grove Park while protecting our planet. We'll have drop-in crafts and activities for kids and adults, guided hikes in the park, and volunteer projects to directly better our local ecosystems. [MORE INFO](#)

Senior Pop-Up Trip to San Francisco Giants Game: Wednesday, April 24. Join LARPD Senior Services for a game between the SF Giants vs. NY Mets game at the amazing Oracle Park in San Francisco this spring! We have great Lower Box seats reserved for you in Section 105! Bring your glove for that foul ball. [MORE INFO](#)

Kids Night Out (Dodgeball Night): Saturday, April 27, 6-9pm. Hey, parents - are you looking for a night out to see a movie, catch up with friends, or go out to dinner? Look no further than LARPD! We will provide your child with a fun-filled night of activities, crafts, and silly games. Best of all - pizza dinner is included! [MORE INFO](#)

Wildflower Seed Bombs: Sunday April 28 at Sycamore Grove Park. Make a seed bomb for your backyard featuring all California native wildflowers. Join Ranger Lauren in the Native Garden to learn about California native flora, create your mix of wildflower seeds, and see how your garden grows. [MORE INFO](#)

Aquatics:

	Purchased		Usage
Lap Swim			
Lap Swim Light	18		112
Lap Swim Senior Light	40		264
Lap Swim Unlimited	6		54
Lap Swim Senior Unlimited	18		227
Adult Drop In	274		274
Senior Drop-in	285		285
Lap Swim Totals	641		1216
Water Exercise			
Water Ex Light	0		0
Water Ex Senior Light	11		74
Water Ex Unlimited	0		0
Water Ex Senior Unlimited	11		138
Water Ex Adult Drop-in	10		10
Water Ex Senior Drop-in	54		54
Water Exercise Total	86		276
Swim Team			
LAC	250		
Masters	50		
Swim Team Total	300		

Open Space:

- **PROGRAMS/EVENTS:**
 - With 20 total in-class and field trip programs, March marked Open Space's busiest month for school programs for the 2023-24 school year. Additionally, Open Space staff continue to visit the ASES after-school program with five ranger visits this month.
 - March's storm systems, while great for local wildlife and our reservoirs, impacted several planned outdoor programs and events. This, unfortunately, included the

cancellation of the Spring Eggstravaganza event, which was set to serve 150 sign-ups.

- **PARK UPDATES/NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT:**

- **Cattail Pond:** Ranger staff continue to work on improvements to Cattail Pond in March. This included the continued removal of overgrown vegetation (spearheaded by Ranger Lauren Salcedo), the replacement of turtle rafts (kudos to Ranger Gilbert Rodriguez), and the management of invasive species like bullfrogs that can have catastrophic impacts on vulnerable native California red-legged frogs and California tiger salamander populations.

- **VOLUNTEERS:**

- Volunteer efforts in March focused on the maintenance of the Wetmore Native Garden at Sycamore Grove Park. The two native gardens at the park aim to highlight the natural beauty and importance of native California plants specific to our area. These gardens, which all parkgoers can enjoy, would not be possible to maintain without the dedication and elbow grease of community volunteers.

- **STAFF UPDATES & DEVELOPMENT**

- In the past several weeks, staff had the opportunity to participate in training to improve the Open Space division:
 - Rangers Gilbert Rodriguez and Mae Bailey represented LARPD at the Park Rangers Association of California (PRAC) 2024 Conference, where they networked with other California park agencies and learned best practices in natural resource management, enforcement, and interpretation.
 - Interpreters Christine Cardosi & Eric Whiteside attended the National Association of Interpretation (NAI) Bay Area Community Workshop Training, connecting with interpretive staff from neighboring agencies and participating in training with the goal of "joining communities through interpretation: growing local connections."
- Welcome to two new staff members – Natural Resources Technician Mia Guarnieri and Office Assistant Crystal Meyer.
 - Mia is a wildlife biologist and environmental scientist with interests in conservation planning and human-wildlife conflict work. She is excited to join LARPD and use her experience in landscape-level conservation and GIS to help manage Sycamore Grove Park's natural resources!
 - Crystal Meyer joins the Ranger Office at Sycamore Grove, thrilled to support program participants, rangers, and visitors to the park. Since moving to Livermore in 1999, she has always enjoyed exploring the open space with her family. Her two children were proud participants in Jr. Rangers and Ranger Explorers. Before serving as a homemaker, homeschool mom, and volunteer, she provided corporate administrative support in the biotech industry and worked in YMCA Rec programming.

She is so grateful to bring these experiences to the Ranger office to promote open space availability and recreation in our community.

• **UPCOMING:**

- Open Space is firing on all cylinders, heading into a busy season for programming and park maintenance. Looking ahead to April, programs include Spring Nature Camp, Counselor in Training spring camp, wildflower hikes, and Earth Day Celebration at Sycamore Grove Park. The last sessions for Sprouts (ages 2-3) and Sycamore Science Camp (ages 4-9) will start in late April. Open Space will be in attendance at several special events, including science nights and career fairs for local public schools and homeschools, Tri-Valley Innovation Fair and Livermore Public Library's LPL: El Día de los Niños event, and Livermore High School's Green Engineering Academy Earth Day Celebration.

- **Please enjoy the incredible photo taken by park regular Lisa Tarte of one of the local bobcats crossing the creek with a pair of wood ducks swimming in the foreground. Truly just the most amazing shot, taken at Sycamore Grove Park*

FEBRUARY 2024 Open Space	# of programs	# Participants (TOTAL)
Open Space School Programs	20	615
ASES/ELOP	5	63
Ranger Programs	5	74
Sprouts	2	27
Sycamore Science Camp	5	94
Ranger Explorers	1	8
Jr. Rangers	3	35
Hoot Owls	2	40
Special Events	1	15
Volunteer Opportunities	2	10
<i>March '24 Estimated Totals</i>		981

Senior Services:

Classes:

Senior Services Recreation Classes and Programs (Setup & Takedown average 30 minutes/week/program, except for Zumba and Yoga).

Program/Camp	Monthly Registration
Gentle Strength, Balance, & Coordination – 2 classes	69 registrants
Chair Strength, Balance, & Flexibility – 2 classes	19 registrants
Zumba Gold w/ Christina – 2 classes	39 registrants
Tai Chi w/ Barbara	28 registrants
Line Dancing w/ Delores (Beginner)	16 registrants
Line Dancing w/ Gary – 3 classes	28 registrants
Yoga for Self-Care	6 registrants
3-D Greeting Cards – 1 class	8 registrants
Healthy Living: Brain & Body – Tips from the Latest Research	14 registrants
Estate Planning	24 registrants
Total Registered:	251 registrants

Trips:

On March 2nd, 53 active Seniors took a trip to the Gallo Center for the Arts to behold the innovative live performance of “Stomp”. On the way there, we stopped at Red Lobster to enjoy a delicious “All-you-can-eat Shrimp” buffet that left everyone content and ready for the show.

Activities:

A capacity group of 22 active Seniors met up at Da Boccery on March 7th to partake in team Bocce Ball games and were treated to a delicious buffet of happy hour food selections. Watch for a repeat performance sometime this year!

On March 13th, a sell-out group of 20 moviegoers attended the monthly Mystery Movie at the Vine. They watched the Oscar-nominated movie medley of “Live Short Films.” The group collectively gave it a 4-star rating during the discussion afterward at the Zephyr Grill.

On March 20th, at the beautiful Ravenswood Historic Site, 24 Seniors led by Kathy Lake, Diane Clouse, and volunteer Linda Wallace had a wonderful time creating their own versions of silhouette layered leaf art. Our guests were delighted and rewarded with the happy feeling of accomplishing a unique and striking piece of art to adorn their home décor.

The Senior Services staff of Kathy and Phyllis were invited by Heritage Estates to give a presentation to their residents, sharing the offerings of the Senior Services Resource and Referral Office, as well as activities and day trip opportunities. It was an informational day with many questions answered about the myriad of things available at LARPD.

The Museum on Main in Pleasanton again partnered with LARPD at a reduced price for the Ed Kinney Speaker Series at the Firehouse Arts Center. This month, Steve Jobs was captured by a Chautauqua scholar depicting him in character. The audience is always included in a questions and answers session.

In our RLCC Vintage Lounge, Netflix movies continue to be shown on alternating Mondays each month at 1:00 pm. This month's features were “*Women in Gold*” and “*Our Souls at Night*” and were well-attended by a group of engaged movie enthusiasts.

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

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.

Facility	Type of Activity	Total Rentals for the Month	Total Monthly Hours
Ravenswood	Facility Rentals	1	10
Ravenswood	Wedding Rehearsals	0	0
Ravenswood/RLCC	Facility Rental Tours	23	23
Ravenswood	Photo Permits	0	0
RLCC	Facility Rentals	17	170
RLCC	On-going Rentals	1	14
Total Facility Rentals for the Month:		42	217

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

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
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- 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
Line Dancing	Setup	1	Tuesdays, Thursdays	30 minutes	4 hours
Golden Circle & Learn to Knit!	Setup & Takedown	2	Mondays	30 minutes	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
Tai Chi	Setup & Takedown	2	Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays	30 minutes	2 hours

3-D Geeting Cards	Setup & Takedown	1	Friday	30 minutes	1 hour
Gentle Strength, Balance, and Flexibility	Setup & Takedown	1	Tuesday, Thursday	30 minutes	2 hours
Chair Strength, Balance, and Flexibility	Setup & Takedown	1	Tuesday, Thursday	30 minutes	2 hours
Leaf Relief Painting Social	Setup & Takedown	1	Wednesday	15 minutes	30 minutes
LAYAC Meeting	Setup & Takedown	2	Monday	15minutes	15 minutes
LARPD Foundation Meeting	Setup & Takedown	1	Monday	15 minutes	15 minutes
AARP Tax Season	Setup & Takedown	1	Tuesday	30 minutes	2 hours
AC Ag Subcommittee Trails Meeting	Setup & Takedown	2	Monday	15 minutes	15 minutes
Estate Planning	Setup & Takedown	1	Tuesday	15 minutes	30 minutes
Budget Meeting	Setup & Takedown	1	Thursday	30 minutes	1 hour
Healthy Living: Brain & Body – Tips from the Latest Research	Setup & Takedown	1	Wednesday	15 minutes	15 minutes
How to Help Prevent Medicare Fraud/Abuse (LAS)	Setup & Takedown	1	Thursday	15 minutes	15 minutes
LARPD Board Meeting	Setup &	1	Wednesday	30 minutes	1 hour

	Takedown				
Mad Science – Crazy Chemworks class	Setup & Takedown	1	Monday	30 minutes	1 hour
Front Counter Staff meeting	Setup & Takedown	1	Monday	15 minutes	15 minutes

Sports Facility Rentals:

LARPD supplied field space in February and March for Granada High while their fields were being renovated. The Granada fields opened on March 18.

As of March, Bill Payne was closed in preparation for the infield renovation project. All user groups were moved off Bill Payne and are now using Ernie Rodrigues and Randy Johnson fields.

Two basketball tournaments took place in the gymnasium. Both had local Bay Area and northern California teams in attendance.

Park Location	Total Rentals	Total Rental Hours
Robertson Park	99	332
Cayetano	45	136
Ernie Rodrigues	40	124
Robert Livermore	46	176
Randy Johnson	21	65
Christensen	1	6
Max Baer	25	89
Independence	22	67
Altamont Creek	38	94
Bill Payne	0	0
Hagemann	0	0
May Nissen Pickleball Courts	36	68
Gymnasium	143	334
Total	516	1491

Picnic Locations	Total Number of Rentals	Total Number of Attendees
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May Nissen (main site)	3	130
May Nissen (tennis court)	6	200
May Nissen (library)	4	104
Big Trees	5	205
Hagemann	0	0
Independence Lower	0	0
Independence Upper	1	25
Les Knott	1	40
Robertson Park Pole Barn	0	0
Cayetano	0	0
Robert Livermore	1	100
Total:	21	804

Sports & Fitness Programs/Classes/Events:

After seven weeks of competitive game play, a champion was named for all three LARPD youth basketball leagues! Competing in 1st/2nd grade, 3rd/4th grade and 5th/6th grade, 118 participants learned not only skill development but learned about sportsmanship, effort, intensity, and a passion for the game. Adding to the excitement of the championship games, 34 LARPD cheerleaders performed at halftime and routed on the teams with sideline cheers. The stands were packed with parents, grandparents, family, and friends who came to cheer on their athletes, both cheerleaders and basketball players!

The LARPD Youth Spring Soccer League kicked off in March with 144 participants aged 5-10 years old. Games were held at the Robert Livermore field with staff coaching and referring games. We have incorporated parent volunteers to be able to expand the league to the 144 participants. We are looking forward to a great season!

The Recreation team is now going to the ESS sites to offer After School PE for TK through 5th grade and provide activity and movement sessions at all LARPD Preschool sites.

Program	Total Registered Participants
LARPD Pee Wee Classes	39
LARPD Basketball League	118
LARPD Hot Shots Basketball Club	11
LARPD Small Group Training Club	20
LARPD Kids Night Out	30
LARPD Cheerleading	34
LARPD Soccer League	144
Arora Tennis	99
Youth/Adult Karate	25
Youth/Adult Hip Hop	21

Wee Hoops Basketball	10
Adult Yoga	23
Pickleball Introduction (adult)	26
Drop In Pickleball	263
Club VIP Volleyball	27
Ballet	91
Mad Science	22
Total Participants Served:	1003

FACILITIES AND PARK MAINTENANCE:

With the month of March came warmer weather and opportunities for outdoor projects. At Robert Livermore Park, a staging area was needed to store soccer goals when not in use. In a joint effort with Park staff, the Facilities team improved planter space by grading and adding decomposed granite to create a durable, smooth surface to house the large goals.



The work continues in developing 5 new reservation picnic sites in our parks. At Independence Park, the existing picnic area is being expanded. Decomposed granite provides for a clean, minimal maintenance surface for the new picnic tables and BBQ grills.



Aging playground equipment is an ongoing concern for the District. We currently have a replacement program of two playgrounds per year, prioritized by age. That still leaves us with many playgrounds over 20 years old. This equipment can and does fail, and the cost of replacement, even for individual components, can be significant. On top of that, the lead time for replacement parts is often months. Considering this, whenever we can safely repair a piece of equipment, rather than replacing it, we do.

The playground equipment at Wattenburger Park is 18 years old and is not scheduled for replacement for another 7 years. When the plastic slide began developing cracks, staff used a process called plastic welding to repair the crack and restore it to a safe condition, saving thousands of dollars and months of down time.



William Payne Park is undergoing field improvements to allow for expanded use. The infields are being scaled down for different age groups to use, making the fields more playable. The scope of the project includes removal of hundreds of cubic yards of infield soil. Bringing in topsoil and sod and modifying the irrigation system. Most of the work is being done by contractors, but much of the irrigation work is being completed by staff.



The Facilities team also completed a trial lighting project at Croce ESS. On January 1st, 2024, AB 2208 went into effect. This bill outlaws the sale of certain types of fluorescent lights. In 2025, the second phase of the law goes into effect, banning the sale of yet more lights. The second phase will impact LARPD because most of our ESS buildings have these styles of fluorescent light fixtures. The Facilities team retrofitted one building with LED bulbs. This test established several key factors that will be used in a much larger retrofit over the next year. Specifically, the cost of replacement bulbs, the cost of recycling the old bulbs (which is required by law), the labor required to complete the work, and the effectiveness and aesthetics of the new lights. Based upon these results, we will be able to upgrade all our ESS building over the next year at a total cost of less than \$10,000 and less than 50 labor hours.

Summary/ notes:

- Hagemann Safety Pruning.
- New Independence Picnic Area in progress
- Less Graffiti this month.
- DG pad for goals at RLCC
- Bill Payne infield renovation project started by contractors.
- Ongoing Preventative Maintenance & testing on sports fields
- Ongoing safety pruning and thinning on large unsafe trees.
- Sports field maintenance, repair, overseeding and infield lip leveling.
- Ongoing pre-emergent and post herbicide treatments.
- Drain rock added to entrance & baseball field at Max Baer 2
- Purchasing of 2 new mowers

HERBICIDE TOTALS: 913 gallons of Specticle Flo, Speedzone, Defender, Sureguard SC

GRAFFITI/VANDALISM: 13 hours

IRRIGATION REPAIRS:

HEADS	VALVES	LATERALS	MAINLINE	SHUTOFF
41	29	7	7	4

Tree Health Improvement Plan: Mulching tree wells via soil amendments for all trees.

New Independence Picnic Area in progress.



Ravenswood Historic Mulch Project Completed.



Bill Payne infield renovation project.



Upper Independence pruning project.



Mechanic's Shop

Vehicle service and repairs:

- 27BQ2G, 27BN65, 27BPND, 279TDK, -new vehicle prep: sticker, fire extinguishers, first aide, license plates, backup alarm, geoTab
- 238FGQ- Low tire light on, sct pressure to spec perform a reset.
- V09- Exhaust renovation.
- V40- Installed a trailer hitch and wiring.
- V43- Service/Inspection
- V28- smog repair
- 238CZG- Replace dead battery.

Mower and tractor services and repairs:

- E09- Replace L/R brake light.
- E80- Replace the L/R hydraulic drive motor, replace the L/R hub Assy and the L/R wheel Assy filler with hydraulic oil.

Additional tasks performed:

- Shop Maintenance
- Part inventory/ ordering
- Weekly report
- Monthly reports

Respectfully submitted,



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