



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

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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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:

Events in April have kept us very visible on social media. Removal of the water slide at the Robert Livermore Aquatic Center was both necessary and a reminder that things don't last forever. Work has begun to replace playground equipment in three of our neighborhood parks this month and should be completed by June.

The LARPD Board of Directors held an appreciation lunch for employees, followed by a regular meeting of the board. Employees were invited to give comments for the BOD to consider. Several comments were given. This was the first time LARPD has tried this format and it seemed to be successful.

Trails Update:

No new updates.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

In April, Board members attended two regular board meetings, four standing committee meetings, and enjoyed dining with LARPD employees at a special luncheon prior to the April 24th board meeting. Additionally, Directors participated in meetings at the following:

- LARPD Foundation
- Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce
Wine Country Luncheon at Garre
- Livermore Cultural Arts Council
- Alameda County Agricultural
Subcommittee on Trails
- Livermore Downtown Inc.

Board actions for the month included:

- Resolution No. 2807 approving consolidation of the District Election with the statewide General Election on November 5, 2024.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

HR April GM Report

Recruitment:

The hiring push has been in full swing at LARPD. Since the inception of our new applicant tracking system (ATS) with Clear we have opened 23 requisitions and closed 5 requisitions. We currently have 16 open requisitions. Every implementation has a learning curve. We appreciate our supervisors who have embraced this change while we hone the process and system. We have also received some unsolicited positive feedback from both new hires and supervisors. Starting the pre-employment process earlier has put us in a stronger position for summer onboarding.

HR by the numbers

- 8 new hires
- 2 internal moves

We have the following candidates in pre-employment:

- Lifeguards I/II: 12
- Rec. Leader I/II Open Space: 11
- Youth Services: 1
- Seasonal Park Ranger Aide: 1
- HR Intern: 1

We have only one offer declined, which is a positive indicator. LARPD had two resignations in the last 30 days.

We currently have 255 active employees listed in the headcount. The number of “heads” on payroll will always fluctuate as we manage inactive employees versus active employees. It is interesting to review the headcount in June as that tends to be a better reflection of summer staffing.

HR Events:

Career Fairs

HR and aquatics attended the career fair at Livermore High School on April 11th and Granada High School on April 19th. The focus was on finding lifeguards for the summer months. We will be attending the Tri-Valley Job Fair at the end of the month with the goal of recruiting for our Youth Services department.

Retirement Webinars

On April 4th, HR hosted an online seminar delivered by our Employee Assistance Provider. The seminar was focused on considerations for retirement. The content was broad and started with asking employees to consider what they would want to do in retirement to how to fund these interests. The course was open to all LARPD employees.

Supervisor Training

On April 25th, HR hosted a supervisor's session intended to officially roll out core LARPD policies and to train supervisors on key components of employment law. Anastasia Bondarchuk who is an employment attorney that LARPD partners with was a co-facilitator of the training.

Community Outreach

HR attended the Farmers Market on April 25th as a community partner and to get the word out about our summer hiring opportunities.

Projects and Process Improvements

HR has an eye on improving the workflows for both us and our customers, be it internal or external. We spend much of our time deciphering how we can enhance a process by automation or reducing re-work. A mechanism to do this is through our Human Resources Information System (HRIS.)

We are creating a process within our HRIS system to reactivate and deactivate seasonal staff, which will allow us to effectively track these changes and more easily comply with legal notification requirements to employees.

The Learning Management System (LMS), Cornerstone, is progressing. We have been working on reporting functionality and compliance training offerings. We are also working with IT on the best rollout solution.

FINANCE:

1. Preliminary financial results through the month of March 2024 are as follows:
Total revenues through March are 1% better than the budget at \$14.267 million. Salary and benefits expenses are 1% better than budget at \$10.315 million, and services and supplies expenses are 2% better than budget at \$6.404 million. Operating capital spend is currently over budget, as the District had some rather urgent equipment needs, including a couple of new mowers; however, the bottom line for FY23-24 through March, as compared to the recent mid-year update, is still \$201k better than budget.
2. A process to implement a system to make vendor payments via ACH was completed and the District successfully issued its first ACH payment on April 4th. This method of payment will reduce the District's risk of fraud, particularly with larger payments that have, until now, been made by paper check and mailed out.
3. With the end of the fiscal year quickly approaching, staff have begun work on the deliverables related to the interim audit. The District's audit partner, James Marta & Company, will be on-site to do their interim fieldwork on June 25th and return mid-September for year-end fieldwork. The District anticipates presenting the FY23-24 audit to the Board at its meeting in December.

- Supervisors and managers are busy finalizing their work on the District's FY24-25 budget, which will then be consolidated by Finance in preparation for the Finance Committee on May 13th, followed by the Board of Directors meeting on May 29th.

COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Youth Services:

ESS has had a fun month with spring break activities, rainy days, and 85-degree sunny days all in one week! Crazy weather this month.

Staff and students are continuing to enjoy their PE classes with the recreation staff, and they always look forward to having the rangers visit with their bag of tricks. Staff are super busy planning a summer full of art, field trips, swimming, and just hanging out at the site.

ESS is currently enrolling siblings and incoming new students. Staff will be sending a fond farewell to the fifth graders as they leave us to move on to middle school.

Preschool is enjoying spring and is busy learning about butterflies, ladybugs, and all the fun insects that show up again in the spring. A few of the programs are raising butterflies and will release them when they have turned from caterpillars to beautiful monarch butterflies.

As we head into May, we will begin our wrap-up for the 2024 school year and celebrate our preschooler's growth, development, and successes.

Community Outreach:

April continued the promotion of summer registration by sharing the programs and opportunities with the community. The outreach team decorated the Livermore Chamber of Commerce window display on First Street highlighting summer programs, Community Service Day, and scholarship opportunities. LARPD staff also presented summer and scholarship information at Marilyn Avenue School and Junction TK-8 for students and parents.

Our 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 22,386 emails with a 64% 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, 65 posts were shared, generating 445,509 impressions. Highlights included photos from the announcement of phase one of the playground replacement program, sharing renderings of new playgrounds at Jack Williams, Bill Clark, and Ida Holm Parks, announcing the removal of the 20-year-old slide at the aquatics center, spring nature camp, Sycamore Simon winners, and Boomer the Ambassador! On www.larpd.org, there were 165k page views in March. The most visited pages were the District Calendar, Summer Recreation Guide, Camp Shelly information, and the Board Meeting Calendar.

The team also distributed press releases highlighting LARPD's partnership with the City of Livermore and LVJUSD for Community Service Day scheduled for May 4, 2024, sharing the first phase of the Playground Replacement Program which includes Jack Williams Park, Bill Clark Park, and Ida Holm Park, and recognized Board Chair David Furst for being the recipient of CARPD's Award of Distinction as Outstanding Board Member.

District-Wide Volunteer Program:

LARPD staff hosted the Summer Youth Volunteer Assessment on Thursday, April 11, and Wednesday, April 17 to meet and evaluate over 100 volunteers. They will be assigned to programs throughout the District, including Summer Nature Camp, ESS, Preschool Camps, Craft Camps, Day Camps, Open Space Projects, Jr. Docents at Sycamore Grove, and the Neighborhood Park Ambassador Program.

This month, 20 volunteers worked 270 hours helping at the Open Space Earth Day event, Spring Break Pee Wee Camps, Spring Nature Camp, and Senior Technology Tutoring.

LARPD Foundation:

This month, the Rotary Foundation of Livermore granted the LARPD Foundation \$10,000 in support of the Community Support Scholarship program. Last year, Rotary's contribution funds helped support over 300 Livermore residents with program fees. The LARPD Foundation also launched ticket sales for the 3rd Annual Wine Down in the Grove Fundraiser Event scheduled for Friday, June 21. Event information and tickets can be found at www.larpd.org/foundation.

Open Heart Kitchen Senior Meal Program:

March Meals:

OHK served 618 meals to 59 seniors at the Robert Livermore Community Center.

Upcoming Key Dates/Events:

Community Service Day, Saturday, May 4. Join the City of Livermore, LVJUSD, and LARPD to volunteer your time and efforts to beautify our community and create a lasting difference together. [MORE INFO](#)

May the 4th Be With You at LARPD: Saturday, May 4: Celebrate Star Wars through themed games and activities, Jedi crafts, and a take-home-themed Lego creation. [MORE INFO](#)

Ravenswood Victorian Tea: Sunday, May 5. Join the Ravenswood Progress League in the Main House for an elegant afternoon of decadent treats and fine teas. All donations benefit the Ravenswood Historic Site Furnishing Fund. [MORE INFO](#)

Senior Pop-Up Trip, Safari West Trek Tour: Thursday, May 9. Go safely and in style with LARPD and your friends from the community for a wildly fun experience at Safari West in Santa Rosa! Safari West is proud to provide an authentic African adventure in the heart of California wine country with a conservation-focused exploration of wildlife biology and ecology. [MORE INFO](#)

Take Your Mother on a Hike: Sunday, May 12, 9 am. Join Ranger Danny on a hike to spend some nature time with the nurture of your mothers and learn about some of nature's mothers! [MORE INFO](#)

Swim Lesson Registration: Tuesday, May 14 at 9 am: Join LARPD's amazing team of swim instructors at May Nissen Swim Center to teach Livermore to be water-safe this summer. [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](#)

Kids Night Out (Lego Night): Saturday, May 18, 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](#)

Night Hike with a Ranger: Saturday, May 25 at Sycamore Grove Park. Who comes out after dark at Sycamore Grove Park? Join a Ranger on an after-hours walk to learn about nocturnal animals and their adaptations. [MORE INFO](#)

Aquatics:

			Total Participant Usage
Lap Swim	Purchased	Usage	2112
Light Pass	21	115	
Senior Light	46	276	
Unlimited pass	6	55	
Senior unlimited	23	277	
Drop in	308	308	
Senior drop in	362	362	
Lap Swim Total	766	1393	

Water Exercise		
Light	1	1
Senior Light	12	58
Unlimited pass	1	9
Senior unlimited	17	140
Drop in	10	10
Senior drop in	72	72
Water Ex Total	113	290

Adult Polo		
Light	9	26
Unlimited	4	10
Drop In	43	43
Total	56	79

Rec Swim	
RLCC Rec	0
MN Rec	0
Toddler Time	0

Hot Night	0
Rec Swim Total	0

Swim Team

LAC	300
Masters	50
Swim Team Total	350

Open Space:

Programs/Events

April and May are historically busy program months for Open Space. While we continue to run in-class and field trip programs, as well as attend Family Science Night events at Livermore schools, here are some additional programming highlights from April:

- **Spring Nature Camp** and **Spring Counselor in Training** – Our second year of Spring Nature Camp was punctuated by extremes! A week that started with enjoying wildflowers in the sun and warm days catching critters in the creek turned to roasting marshmallows around the campfire as hail and snow dotted the peaks above. Campers truly got to experience California spring at beautiful Sycamore Grove Park. New this year was our first spring session of Counselors in Training camp. With a graduating class of six, these teens are prepared with leadership skills, on-their-feet problem-solving, and naturalist tool kits to return as stellar volunteers and nature camp counselors.
- **Earth Day Celebration** – 140 people joined Ranger Jay, Ranger Gilbert, Ranger Vickie, and some enthusiastic volunteers at our Earth Day Celebration – to enjoy crafts and activities reflecting on the importance of taking care of Earth, work towards bettering our local ecosystems with native seeds, and actively care for the environment through invasive plant removal. This was the 54th anniversary of Earth Day since its inception in 1970, and the call to action has arguably never been greater.
- **End of Junior Rangers for the school year** – Junior Rangers, our long-running program for ages 9 to 12, wrapped up its spring season with an incredible accomplishment: hiking Brushy Peak! All three classes successfully completed the nearly 5-mile loop with 754 feet of elevation gain, while also enjoying the wildflowers, admiring busy gophers, and nature journaling to connect more deeply. This program will pick up again in the fall season.

Park Update/Natural Resource Management:

Natural Resource Technician Mia Guarnieri has hit the ground running in her role with Open Space. Some of the active projects she and ranger staff have worked towards in April include:

- Continued monitoring and management of invasive bullfrogs at cattail pond.

- Monitoring and confirming the presence of California Tiger Salamander larvae within mitigation ponds at Sycamore Grove Park. As a listed species, these salamanders have suffered from habitat loss throughout California, and ponds like these at Sycamore Grove help sustain the already small remaining populations. It is great and encouraging news to have confirmed the presence of these often-elusive animals!
- Mapping and servicing of nest boxes in the park, providing habitat to cavity nesting birds like western bluebirds, wood ducks, tree swallows, and barn owls. Mia is actively revamping our monitoring program, which may include more volunteer involvement and community support in the future.
- Lastly, fuel load control and integrated weed management. Rangers are actively mowing and weed whipping in Sycamore Grove Park and Holdener Park to reduce the fuel load from our very wet year. On May 30 An integrated approach to fuel load and invasive pest management will include a burn in the upper property, conducted by Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department. The upper property will be closed to the public on this date.

Volunteers:

Eagle Scout Projects to benefit Sycamore Grove Park – Throughout the year, LARPD Open Space works with local Scouts looking to earn their highest award – Eagle Scout. These Eagle Scout projects have benefited the park in the form of benches, picnic tables, and equipment for interpretive programs. We are fortunate to have their continued community support. Below are some highlights of recent projects completed at the park:

- Reehan created an equestrian mounting platform for our horse-riding park users.
- Abhinav completed tables to expand our small native nursery at the ranger station.
- Steven built two rafts for our turtles to enjoy at cattail pond.

Staff Updates & Development:

In the past several weeks, staff had the opportunity to participate in trainings to improve the Open Space division:

- Natural Resource Technician Mia Guarnieri and Interpreter Christine Cardosi attended the spring meeting of the Central Coast Rangelands Coalition, a diverse community of landowners, rangers, producers, and agencies. The meeting highlighted a changing perspective on the importance and value of grazers on the landscape, especially their contributions in the form of “ecosystem services” like fuel load reduction, weed management, and management of native grassland species.
- Interpreter Eric Whiteside and Park Ranger Danny Haberman attended the National Association of Interpretation (NAI) Certified Interpretive Guide course at stunning Yosemite National Park. The professional relationships made and insight gained at training opportunities like this strengthen not only the individual interpreters, but our department and our program offerings as a whole.

Upcoming:

We expect May to be a busy month for our department, both in terms of park use, maintenance, natural resource management, and programming. We are actively preparing for the summer, both here in Livermore and at Camp Shelly in Tahoe.



SharePoint link for photos: [04APR24 Open Space Monthly Report Media](#)

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	61 registrants
Chair Strength, Balance, & Flexibility – 2 classes	23 registrants
Zumba Gold w/ Christina – 2 classes	52 registrants
Zumba Gold w/ Alice – 5 classes	55 registrants
Tai Chi w/ Barbara – 2 classes	12 registrants
Tai Chi w/ Kim – 2 classes	9 registrants
Line Dancing w/ Delores (Beginner)	15 registrants
Line Dancing w/ Gary – 3 classes	52 registrants
Yoga for Self-Care	6 registrants
Memoir, Essay, and Short Story	8 registrants
3-D Greeting Cards – 1 class	8 registrants
Lifetime Income: Planning for Your Comfortable Retirement Years	8 registrants
Healthy Living: 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's	13 registrants
Financial Assistance: How to Get Help with Healthcare Cost (LAS)	5 registrants
Estate Planning	21 registrants
Total Registered:	348 registrants

Trips

On April 24th, 53 Giants baseball fans cruised across the bay to watch the San Francisco Giants challenge the New York Mets. With great seats, our fans were treated to a \$25 credit for lunch and a beautiful day at the park. They are looking forward to a repeat performance at the next LARPD Giants vs. Blue Jays trip this summer, on July 11th.

Activities

- Twenty-eight active Seniors met up at Olivina Olive Oil to taste and learn about growing and production! A plethora of interesting local history was shared by proprietor, Charles Crohare. The group gathered afterward for lunch hosted by LARPD.
- On April 10th, 20 movie-goers attended the monthly Mystery Movie at the Vine, viewing the film “Wicked Little Letters”. The group collectively gave it a 4-star rating during the discussion afterward at the Zephyr Grill.
- On April 12th, A full house of eager flower arrangement enthusiasts gathered at RLCC for step-by-step instructions to create their own masterpieces of vibrant spring flowers. The lovely arrangements were assembled in unique galvanized pitchers.
- This month, the Ed Kinney Speaker Series at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton offered the little-known story of Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross, was captured by a polished Chautauqua scholar, depicting her in historic character. The audience is always included in a lively session of questions and answers after the show.
- 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 “The Imitation Game” and “4 Seasons” which had them chuckling and laughing out loud. Both movies were well-attended by a group of engaged movie enthusiasts.
- The Bankhead Theater was the place to be on Sunday afternoon, April 21st, with 32 Neil Diamond fans singing along to “Sweet Caroline” with the rest of the sold-out audience. Afterward, many of the guests took a short walk down First Street to gather for dinner and camaraderie at Bruno’s Italian Cuisine.

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	0	0
Ravenswood	Wedding Rehearsals	0	0
Ravenswood/RLCC	Facility Rental Tours	24	24

Ravenswood	Photo Permits	1	2
RLCC	Facility Rentals	9	88
RLCC	On-going Rentals	1	14
Total Facility Rentals for the Month:		35	128

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

- 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	Mondays, Tuesdays	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
Memoir, Essay, and Short Story	Setup & Takedown	1	Wednesday	15 minutes	1 hour
Fun Clay Art	Setup & Takedown	1	Friday	15 minutes	1 hour

Gentle Strength, Balance, and Coordination	Setup & Takedown	1	Tuesday, Thursday	30 minutes	2 hours
Chair Strength, Balance, and Flexibility	Setup & Takedown	1	Tuesday, Thursday	30 minutes	2 hours
Spring Flower Arranging Social	Setup & Takedown	1	Friday	15 minutes	30 minutes
LCAC Meeting	Setup & Takedown	1	Wednesday	15 minutes	15 minutes
LAYAC Meeting	Setup & Takedown	2	Monday	15minutes	15 minutes
HR: Policy Roll out	Setup & Takedown	1	Thursday	30 minutes	1 hour
Youth Services Coordinator Monthly Meeting	Setup & Takedown	1	Monday	15 minutes	15 minutes
Summer Youth Volunteer Assessment	Setup & Takedown	2	Thursday & Wednesday	30 minutes	2 hours
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
Lifetime Income: Planning for Your Comfortable Retirement Years	Setup & Takedown	1	Wednesday	15 minutes	15 minutes

Healthy Living: 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's	Setup & Takedown	1	Wednesday	15 minutes	15 minutes
Financial Assistance: How to Get Help with Healthcare Cost (LAS)	Setup & Takedown	1	Thursday	15 minutes	15 minutes
LARPD Board Meeting	Setup & Takedown	1	Wednesday	30 minutes	1 hour
Training Clinic w/LAC	Setup & Takedown	1	Wednesday	30 minutes	1 hour
Mad Science – Crazy Chemworks class	Setup & Takedown	1	Monday	30 minutes	1 hour
Musical Theater Class	Setup & Takedown	1	Tuesday	15 minutes	1 hour

Sports Facility Rentals:

Bill Payne has been closed since March for the infield renovation project. The project is coming along nicely with an expected opening date of May 6 for Field 1

One basketball tournament took place in the gymnasium, with local Bay Area and northern California teams in attendance.

Three LARPD Sports Birthday Parties 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 chose, and this is where food, cake, presents, etc. took place. Two LARPD staff are on hand to facilitate the party, run the sports/activities in the gym, and overall assist the parents with the flow of the party.

Park Location	Total Rentals	Total Rental Hours
Robertson Park	100	334
Cayetano	33	119
Ernie Rodrigues	46	298
Robert Livermore	60	222
Randy Johnson	18	54
Christensen	2	10
Max Baer	23	92

Independence	24	91
Altamont Creek	40	106
Bill Payne	0	0
Hagemann	32	56
May Nissen Pickleball Courts	70	191
Gymnasium	112	237
Total:	560	1,810

Picnic Locations	Total Number of Rentals	Total Number of Attendees
May Nissen (main site)	5	330
May Nissen (tennis court)	8	293
May Nissen (library)	6	194
Big Trees	6	200
Hagemann	0	0
Independence Lower	1	10
Independence Upper	4	130
Les Knott	4	140
Robertson Park Pole Barn	1	125
Cayetano	2	110
Robert Livermore	0	0
Total:	37	1,532

Sports & Fitness Programs/Classes/Events:

We had a magical and meaningful afternoon with Cosmo the Magician! This family show was generously sponsored by the LARPD Foundation making it a FREE experience for the whole family!

Cosmo took us on an unforgettable journey where magic and meaningful messages came together! Over 250 people were dazzled and amazed as Cosmo combined his interactive magic tricks with powerful lessons about the true magic of Community, Connection, and Inclusion. We witnessed him turn fire into a live bird and two live birds into a bunny!

As always, the popcorn and cotton candy stations were a big hit, as were the themed crafts including Rabbit out of a Hat, a magician's hat, and of course a magic wand.

The LARPD Adult Softball League kicked off in April with 28 teams registered. We offer Men's, Women's and Coed leagues; games are played Mon/Tue/Wed nights at Ernie Rodrigues fields.

The LARPD Youth Spring Soccer League kicked off in March with 144 participants ages 5-10 years old. Games were held at the Robert Livermore field with staff coaching and referring

games. We’ve incorporated parent volunteers to be able to expand the league to the 144 participants. We’re looking forward to a great season!

The Recreation team went out to the ESS sites to offer After School PE for TK through 5th grade and also provided activity and movement sessions at all of the LARPD Preschool sites.

Program	Total Registered Participants
LARPD Pee Wee Classes	41
LARPD Hot Shots Basketball	51
LARPD Small Group Training Club	21
LARPD Kids Night Out	37
LARPD Soccer League	144
LARPD Spring Break Camp	40
LARPD Adult Softball	420
LARPD Cosmo the Magician Event	250
Arora Tennis	100
Youth/Adult Karate	24
Youth/Adult Hip Hop	22
Wee Hoops Basketball	10
Kidz Love Soccer	74
Adult Yoga	34
Pickleball Introduction (adult)	24
Drop In Pickleball	224
Club VIP Volleyball	27
Ballet	109
Mad Science	22
Youth Theater	16
Total Participants Served:	1,690

FACILITIES AND PARK MAINTENANCE:

Big things are happening in our parks and facilities in April. New equipment is coming arriving and some old friends are going away.

Last summer, the waterslide at the RLCC aquatics facility was closed due to potential structural concerns. Staff explored options including repairs, replacement, or removal. The decision was made to remove the slide and repurpose the area. This month, the Facilities team worked with contractors to remove the aging slide and restore the concrete deck to a usable condition.



Nearly on half of LARPDs thirty-three playgrounds are over 20 years old and in need of replacement. Beginning this year, we have committed to replacing a minimum of two (2) playgrounds per year. In April, the work began at Jack Williams, Ida Holm, and Bill Clark Parks—all being replaced. The demolition of the old equipment has been completed and the installation of the new equipment began April 29th.





Vandalism at May Nissen Park is not unusual. Sadly, it can be costly and labor intensive to make repairs. In recent months, vandals have marred the stone and concrete wall that winds through the playground. The concrete wall cap stones are custom sized and made to order, giving them a long lead time and a large price tag. The Facilities team replaced all the broken capstones and re-attached with a superior adhesive, making them more difficult to pry off.

The Facilities team also completed numerous additional projects throughout the District including, but not limited to:

- Plumbing repairs
- Sign installation
- Graffiti abatement
- Picnic table and BBQ installation
- Soccer goal repairs
- Bench repair/restoration
- Concrete repairs/installation
- HVAC repairs
- Equipment rebuilds

The Parks Department has been busy with several projects and maintenance tasks. A new picnic area has been completed at Independence Park, enhancing the park's amenities. Additionally, a new valve and lateral have been installed in May Nissen Dog Park for improved functionality. A new trailer has been acquired to support various operations. Currently, the team is focused on mowing fire breaks, trails, and disc golf areas to ensure safety and accessibility. Preparation is underway for Volunteer Day, gathering tools and materials for upcoming projects.

On the environmental front, goats are expected to arrive during the week of May 22nd to assist with vegetation management. Efforts to enhance playground safety include adding Engineered Wood Fiber to five Tot Lots. The Bill Payne Park infield project is progressing, with sod laid and new irrigation systems installed. Training sessions are being conducted for tractor operation and mower usage to ensure efficiency and redundancy in field maintenance. Field renovations, including seeding and soil amendments, are underway to improve playing conditions. Herbicide applications have been carried out district-wide for weed control. Moreover, irrigation controllers have been restored, and watering schedules for all parks are back online, ensuring proper maintenance of green spaces.

HERBICIDE TOTALS: 853 gallons of post emergent

GRAFFITI/VANDALISM: 18.5 hours of clean up

IRRIGATION REPAIRS:

HEADS	VALVES	LATERALS	MAINLINE	SHUTOFF
76	17	4	4	1

*LIGHT FIELD
 MAINTENANCE

ENGINEERED WOOD FIBER	PRUNING	AERATING/ SEEDING	FIELD RENOVATION	HERBICIDE
Al Caffodio El Padro Marlin Pound Ravenswood Neighborhood	Independence	Max Baer Robertson	Max Baer Bill Payne Independence Robert Livermore May Nissen	Rodeo Ground Max Baer Hagemann RLCC Robertson Independence

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



Marlin Pound before / after



Independence Picnic Area



May Nissen Dog Park Irrigation installation

Mechanic's Shop:

Vehicle service and repairs

- V29 & V50- Service/ Inspection
- 238DBK- mounted and balance four (4) tires
- V33- Replaced dead battery

Mower and tractor services and repairs

- E036- Repair three (3) drive belts, rubber wheel guard, straighten one (1) skid plate and welder new skid on plate.
- E085- Flat repair
- E016- No steering, replaced Hyd pump, filled with fluid, check Hyd system
- New mower prep E092- Sticks fuel key, inspection
- New mower prep E093- sticker fuel key carb registration for EIN number

Additional tasks performed:

- Parks ordering and inventory
- Weekly/ Monthly reports
- Took E080 to Stockton for repairs
- Mower training

Respectfully submitted,

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