

Staff Report for November 15th 2017

Programs

17-Oct	Beginning Guitar	3
17-Oct	Drawing with Zentangle	5
24-Oct	Little Dribblers Basketball	21
24-Oct	Running Club - Grade 5-6	16
29-Oct	Fingerstyle Guitar	0
29-Oct	Play Ukulele Today!	5
29-Oct	Head Start Fitness Challenge	0
2-Nov	Open Gym	9 Plus Drop-Ins
4-Nov	Indoor Soccer Scrimmage for Kids	12
4-Nov	Indoor Soccer Scrimmage w/ Parents	4 Pairs
4-Nov	Paint Your Landscape with Native Plants	47 RSVP's, fewer showed up (snow)

We've brought on board a new seasonal Recreation Assistant, J.J. Everson. The position was broadened to replace the basketball coordinator position and allow for the implementation of some new program directions outside of basketball. J.J. has a background in coaching lacrosse and playing a variety of sports, is very positive and caring, an excellent communicator, and has been a great addition to the team. We're looking forward to exploring new sports with him.

We're gearing up for the youth basketball season, responding to the challenges of a decreasing youth population. We're trying to coordinate with the Coupeville Boys & Girls Club to increase our opportunities for more diverse play.

Another challenge we're facing, moving to focusing more on adult programs, is that adults have a tendency to wait too long to register. So we cancel programs, then receive inquiries after the fact, often after the program would have run. In the case of Guitar, it was the difference between meeting our minimum and not meeting it.

We have received inquiries about the ski bus program, but not enough to merit trying it again. I've heard that more ski buses have dropped out of the area.

Facilities and Grounds

- Our nice fall weather has come to an end and we are switching gears towards fall and winter work. We completed aeration on all sports fields.
- We have been constructing a new planter with some pretty significant trees along the road of baseball field one and four that also features 2 new picnic table areas.
- On the night of the seventh we experienced a break in at the concession building. The thieves took the keys from the lock box to gain entry and also accessed the Little League Shed. We have had the concession stand re-keyed with a new sub-master key. We are working with Little League to inventory what was taken of theirs and have filed a police report.

Director's Items

On Wednesday October 25th I had a follow up meeting with Connie Bowers, Assistant County Engineer, and Curt Gordon of Island Asphalt and Sitework regarding the proposed public road across the northern section of the District's Trustland Trails Property. I have since signed an Entry Permit for County Staff to enter our property for Surveying and staking etc. and will be setting up a time to meet with Connie and Curt later this month to walk the property initially. I will invite Commissioner Wood to join us on that walk. I was able to connect with Facilities Director Larry van Horn with Island County and received the first lease terms document from him on Monday November 13th, I am currently negotiating on these terms, however, even the initial terms of

the proposed lease would fit within the amount we budgeted for next year. Initial terms were \$0.30 per square foot of "leased space" with the Park District taking responsibility for the utilities and the janitorial while continuing to maintain the grounds. At this point I have not been able to speak with Mr. Van Horn, but have submitted my counter-proposal to the County staff. I hope to have an update on this for the board meeting. Additionally, with the winter months upon us, I will be sending out an informative email to our user groups on the District being more proactive on field rotation this winter and how user groups can assist us in our efforts. A draft text of that email is included in the board packet for your information.

Upcoming Events

November 15 SWPRD Budget Hearing-6-6:30pm

November 15 SWPRD Regular Board Meeting-6:30pm-8pm

November 18 Turducken Trot

December 3 Elf Chase

December 3 Boy's Traveling Basketball Team Registration Deadline Grades 5-8

December 6 Basketball League Registration Deadline Grades 3-6

December 11 SWYSC Board Meeting-7:00pm-9:30pm

December 12 Port of South Whidbey Meeting-7:00-9:00pm

December 14 South Whidbey Parks and Aquatics Foundation Meeting-6:00-8:00pm

December 20 SWPRD Regular Board meeting-6:00pm