

Staff Report for December 19th 2018

Programs

For January 16, 2019

Last Month

December	Indoor Pickleball	10 full month; 107 drop-ins
2019-2019	Youth Basketball League	157
Jan 1	Polar Bear Dive	152
Jan 5	Reading w/Rover: Mini Evaluations	9
Jan 6	K9 Nosework®	24 plus drop-ins
Jan 9	Read with Rover–Langley Library	

Coming Up

Jan 12	Reading w/Rover: Animal Therapy Team Prep
Jan 15	Application Deadline for Concerts in the Park Performers
Jan 15, 19	Dog Sports Sampler
Jan 15, 19	Canine Good Citizen
Jan 22	Intro to Pickleball
Jan 23	Read with Rover–Freeland Library
Jan 24	HIYI/SWAF Meeting
Jan 25	Falcon Buddies Night @ SWHS Games
Jan 25	Indoor Soccer Scrimmage
Feb 5	Indoor Pickleball
Feb 6	Magic Club
Feb 15	Summer Program Proposals Due

Youth Basketball League

We've hired Tami Russell to close Community Center gyms 5 times a week and clean restrooms on Saturdays. This is in place of the basketball coordinator/recreation assistant. It's been a very busy month. It's been a challenge getting enough time in a full size gym for our older divisions. A few years ago we consolidated the girls' and boys' season into one. With the loss of the Cooler, and the need to start later at the Community Center because school sports start later, it's been very tight. While our overall turnout increased a bit, the distribution of players increased our # of teams by significantly more teams. Regardless of other outcomes, we'll probably need to re-divide the genders, girls will likely play in fall, boys in winter. This will create more expenses, of course.

Pickleball

We've seen a recent spike in attendance at Pickleball, reaching 30 occasionally and surpassing our current capacity. We had a Pickleball meeting of about 12 regulars to discuss ways to expand and meet some recent challenges head-on. Next we'll be surveying the general community to see which ideas we generated will stick.



Polar Bear

Dive

The PB was very well attended, in both participants and onlookers! It was a little warmer than usual, and the crowd was full of cheer. A really fun, lighthearted event.

HIYI Scholarship Fund

On January 24th HIYI representatives will meet with the South Whidbey Parks & Aquatics Foundation (SWPAF) to discuss the future relationship of the two groups. SWPAF is the fiscal agent for HIYI. SWPAF has had a complete change of board and is reviewing which activities it will continue as a board. We hope they will continue to see this partnership with HIYI as in line with their mission and a valuable use of their energies and resources.

Facilities and Grounds

- The good news is we were able to complete and open all 3 new trail projects by the end of December. The bad news is with the wind storms and 2 new miles of untouched forest we are still cleaning up downed trees and limbs. The feedback we have received has been great and the public really appreciates the addition to our trail system.
- We will be continuing fine tuning, dead tree removal etc as we have time but we are open for business.
- We have interviewed again for the vacated maintenance position and offered the job to the top candidate. We are awaiting the background check to come back, he will start as soon as he it is completed.

Director's Items

I am finishing up bid documents for the Storage building and hope to have some bids for review next month. I am setting up meetings with our Legislators in Olympia for next month at the WRPA Legislative day, I will be advocating for our Grant Programs and looking to get support for the Governor's proposed funding of the WWRP Programs. Had a phone conference with Island County Traffic Engineer Nikki Davis and I am trying to work through the traffic study for the entire build out of the Campground. More to come in our Regular Agenda.

Upcoming Events

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| 15-Jan | Application Deadline for Concerts in the Park performers |
| 16-Jan | SWPRD Board Meeting/Annual Meeting |
| 21-Jan | Martin Luther King Jr. Day-Office Closed |
| 15-Feb | Summer Program Proposals Due |
| 18-Feb | Presidents Day-Office Closed |
| 20-Feb | SWPRD Board Meeting |