

Staff Report March 20th 2019

Programs

Last Month

February	Indoor Pickleball		Averaging 28 per day
Mar 1	Youth Ultimate Frisbee	20	
Mar 2	Dad & Daughter Ball	280	120 Dads + 160 Daughters. Down from last year.
Mar 12	Drip Irrigation & Dwarf Conifers	7	
March	Dog Sports Sampler	5	
March	Canine Good Citizen	4	
March	K9 Nosework	17	Plus drop-ins
Mar 12	Running Club	4	Cancelled (instructor wellness)

Coming Up

Mar 24	Whidbey Ultimate Tournament
Mar 31	Reactive Dog Clinic
Mar 20	Magic Club
Apr 2	Indoor Pickleball
Apr 4	Summer Activity Guide Release
Apr 25	Reading with Rover Mini Evals
April 29	Summer Swim Registration
May 4	Oyster Gardening

HIYI FISCAL SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT

It looks as though the South Whidbey Parks & Aquatics Foundation will be continuing as the Fiscal Sponsor for the HIYI Scholarship Fund. The HIYI committee provided them with an agreement that SWPAF is having reviewed by a lawyer.

TRIATHLON

Triathlon registration going strong, we're about 1/3 full, significantly ahead of schedule. We placed an ad in an insert that racers received in the *Tunnel to Viaduct 8K*.

SUMMER SWIM UPDATE

Kristi Eager has been negotiation with the Useless Bay Golf & Country Club for our use of their pool for our summer swim programs. We are looking at a pool rental fee increase of about \$10 per hour, and a shorter rental period per day. We will be adjusting to have shorter transition periods, and start swim team earlier. Fees will likely increase slightly.

Facilities and Grounds

- Its been a welcome sight to see the sun a little more and finally get out of the frozen mornings.
- We are covered in snow mold and the turf is dormant and stunted at best. Hopefully this week with warmer temps and longer days will help jumpstart some growth and we can get opened.
- We have incurred 2 bouts of graffiti on the skate park now and are working hard to clean it all up.
- Little league has started and we are doing our best to get fields cleaned up and ready. Field 3 has yet to be touched as even today there is freeze coming out of the ground in the shaded areas.

Director's Items

I have been working on planning for the Masterplan workshop and continuing efforts to complete the traffic study and work on the Water system permits with the State. I am in process of scheduling a meeting with the Campground phase 1 committee to look at these two items and plan next steps.

I had a phone conversation with Steve Shapiro, owner of Island Athletic Club and he recommended that the District not go down the road of securing a firm to do a study on the Swimming pool. He seemed concerned that money would be wasted on a study that could be better completed in house. I encouraged him to express his concerns to individual board members and he was not interested in taking that step as yet, but would be open to conversation if any commissioner was interested in talking to him.

I did receive a call from Bob O'Brien and a visit from Erin Simms, both constituents and both with children on the SWHS Boys Soccer team regarding the boy's team not having a suitable place to play on School District Property. I assured both of them that as soon as four fields could support the additional activity, we would be opening them up to the High School team. I did receive support and understanding for our actions from both, and was told that a group of parents were developing a letter to the editor and trying to get an article written in the South Whidbey Record on the situation with the School District not maintaining their field spaces. Mr. O'Brien also told me that the group was planning on attending the next School Board meeting to approach the School Board with the topic.

Working with the Middle School Principal, James Swanson, we were able to identify three of the culprits involved in one of the vandalism incidents in the skate park. We have worked with the Island County Sherriff and school staff in notifying the individual children and their parents that the kids involved are currently on a 180 day park exclusion. Our staff is developing a cost for the clean up including staff time and those individuals involved that pay their third of the cost for cleanup will have their exclusion reduced to a 45 day exclusion.

Upcoming Events

- 20-Mar SWPRD Board Workshop and Regular Board Meeting
- 4-Apr Summer Program guide available to public
- 17-Apr SWPRD Regular Monthly Board Meeting

Mark your calendar

- 27-Jul Whidbey Island Triathlon