

Staff Report December 16th, 2020

Program Report

Last Month

Tue/Wed	Pickleball (as weather allows)	Varies	Very low attendance
14-Nov	Play Ukulele Today	3	
14-Nov	Play Guitar Today	0	
14-Nov	Beginning Drawing w/ Zentangle	1	Cancel
21-Nov	Beginning Birdwatching at Deer Lagoon	2	Good viewing conditions & plenty of birds
2-Dec	Beginning Drawing w/ Zentangle	0	
2-Dec	Play Ukulele Today	0	
2-Dec	Play Guitar Today	0	
4-6-Dec	Holiday Wreath-Making Workshop	9	Most moved to virtual offering

Upcoming:

16-Dec Virtual Holiday Wreath-Making Workshop
21-Dec The Workshop for Kids: Wreath-Making
2-Jan The Workshop for Kids: Kite-Making
7-Jan Running Under the Lights
23-Jan Beginning Birdwatching
23-Jan The Workshop for Kids: Excavation: Gemstones & Fossils
Pending: Pop-Up Zumba, Indoor Pickleball, Youth Basketball, K9 Nosework

News:

- Not much to report this month. We're able to offer a lot less than usual, and those things that we are offering are getting very few sign-ups.
- The Winter Activity Guide is on newsstands now. New programs include The Kids Workshop, where I'll be leading small group crafts/skills for kids, and lots of baseball softball programs with Steve Goucher. Steve has run a summer Pro Baseball camp with us for years, and is now moving to the island and will be expanding.
- View the guide here: <https://issuu.com/swparks/docs/wag2021-final-web>
- Still in the works, but not to fruition yet: an online fitness class and a Nordic Walking program.

Photos of Wreath-Making Workshop:



Facilities and Grounds

- The last few weeks after the holiday have been non stop trail construction at Trustland Trails.
- We are approaching completion and the majority have already been open and being used.

- All the feedback from the walkers we have encountered is positive and they thank us for the expansion taking place.

Director's Items

It has been a crazy month. Received notification from Marni Zimmerman of the Foundation that they had secured private donations sufficient to cover the cost of a feasibility study for the Aquatic Facility. Also heard from County Planning twice, once to let us know that our Campground Project would need to do an environmental study to determine any impact to the Osprey Nest on the High School Property and once to let us know that they had made a mistake and we needed to do a Land Use Permit Application for the trail work being done at Trustland. I scrambled and the land use permit was turned around and approved in 24 hours, resulting in a one half day loss of work time on the trails. The County Planner came out and met Tom on site to look at our progress and we will be looking into a collaborative process to potentially extend the trails down into the ravine. This would require some permitting, but would be a nice option for interpretive signage on wetlands and educational opportunities.

The Osprey nest is considered to be a DNR Habitat/Conservation area and as such is subject to a 1,000 foot radius of requiring an environmental study. Since our campground will be within that radius, some sort of report will be needed, I am currently working with the planning office to determine what the extent of that report needs to be.

Closing date for the Waterman Property purchase is almost here and I am working with the RCO to get all funds into escrow. We have a planned closing date of 12/21 with a filing date at the county of 12/22.

Also, the State has extended the current level of restrictions through 1/4/2021 so we are on the level of practices only and groups of 5 or less through the new year.

Upcoming Events

12/16/20 SWPRD Regular Meeting-Virtual-6pm

January Meeting date to be approved at this meeting