

Staff Report February 17, 2021

Program Report

Last Month

16-Jan	The Kids Workshop: Kite-Making	1
21-Jan	Running Under the Lights	8-9 per night
23-Jan	Beginning Birdwatching	4 - Capacity (2 households)
23-Jan	Excavation Workshop: Gemstones & Fossils	2 - Capacity (2 households)
6-Feb	Private/'Buddy' Baseball Lessons	Canceled due to instructor changes
10-Feb	The Kids Workshop: Heart String Art	0
10-Feb	Baseball/Softball 101	Canceled due to instructor changes
10-Feb	'Over the Line' Baseball Game	Canceled due to instructor changes
13-Feb	Botanical Jewelry	4 - Full-ish

Upcoming

6-Mar	Tree Climbing for the Active Senior
6-Mar	Old Growth Tree Climbing
7-Mar	Reactive Dog Clinic
9-Mar	Nordic Fitness Walking
13-Mar	The Kids Workshop: Weaving
13-Mar	Beginning Birdwatching
	Pending: Indoor Pickleball, Youth Basketball, Dog Classes

News:

- New program coming up: Nordic Fitness Walking. Instructor has been one of our regular pickleball volunteers, Cathy Haworth.
- Running Under the Track Lights: challenging due to casual use already present, which I don't want to deter.
- Pickleball: Awaiting access to gyms or reliable weather
- Current guidelines: New guidance is very challenging. The limiting to 2 households for most activities is just not cost effective.
- Basketball: Awaiting gym access or skipping until fall
- Triathlon Challenges:
 - The break-even is around 215 participants. The biggest expenses, which don't vary much with the amount of participants, are flaggers/officers/timing = ~\$7000.
 - Accepting registration is a bit of a risk. There is a fair chance of financial loss, either due to restrictions in gatherings, or folks simply not wanting to gather.
 - COVID compliance: The limit of how many can be gathered awaiting a staggered start (50). The area is small, they can't wait in their cars (no parking). We need everyone in place before we start the race.

Photos:

The Kids Workshop: Excavation of Fossils & Gemstones



Running Under the Lights



Facilities and Grounds

- We have been continuing on with late winter work as weather permits.
- Continuing to clean up storm debris as trail access has allowed.
- We have been cleaning up flowerbeds weeding and planting trees at trust land.
- We have continued to stain and seal some of the wood structures around Community Park.
- I am picking up the flail mower for the mini excavator on the 11th and hope to have that operational next week.
- As weather has permitted we have been cleaning up and dragging the baseball fields to get them ready for a season that is just around the corner.

Director's Items

Got the Osprey nest letter of Determination finished, and contacted Davido about the Small Water System Management plan to enable expansion of our water system. Waiting on a quote from Davido on the plan. Met with Matt and members of the Foundation on items to do with the Aquatic Wellness Center. Met with Jennifer to look at the meeting board meeting process and discuss adjustments to our administrative policies. Had meetings with our legislators in Olympia advocating for the grant programs and other Park District related items, and invited all of them for a visit when they have the time to look at our Waterman Property, the Campground and the planned Aquatic Wellness Center. More on all of this in the regular agenda. I also had a meeting with some folks from the Whidbey Watershed Stewards to discuss some possible interpretive signage at Trustland Trails. This is something that could work very well as a partnership/collaboration. I will keep the Trails committee and the board apprised of the progress.

Upcoming Events

02-17 SWPRD Regular Board Meeting-6pm

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