



City of Marco Island

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From: Samantha Malloy-Manager of Parks, Culture & Recreation

Re: Parks & Recreation Monthly Report

Department Highlights

- Mackle Park Community Room usage for rentals and programs continues to remain steady.
- Average attendance: Fit Beyond 50 (46), Yoga (31), Line Dancing (23), Dance Workshop (8).
- We had another successful Casino trip, if staffing allows, we will increase the number of trips for next season.
- We continue consistent daily use of our facilities by patrons participating in Mah Jongg, Canasta, bocce, shuffleboard, basketball, soccer, ping pong, billiards, etc.
- Fields at Mackle Park and Winterberry Park continue to see steady usage with both youth and adult groups. We appreciate all our local sports groups working with us and each other, sharing the fields.
- We have had an increase level of park activity this past month due to the Spring breakers.
- Our Airnasium is back open for a short time. It will need another temporary closure for the resurfacing of the court. Facilities will inform us of the date for the project once it is confirmed.
- Park staff are actively planning and scheduling all summer camp programming, including field trips, guest speakers, and daily activities.
- Staff are actively coordinating with our annual event organizers, who have already reached out to reserve their dates for next season.
- The Racquet Center's new membership rate is now in effect. We are accepting renewals from those who are eligible and staff are in the process of contacting those on the waitlist to enquire about their current interest in receiving membership and to inform them of our registration process. We will not exceed the 450 Racquet Center Memberships which were approved by City Council.
- We have received a tentative start time for the demolition project of the Racquetball building. The contractor informed us for safety of our patrons, the facility should be closed during the initial demolition which at this time is scheduled for April 24 – 26. Park staff will post notices of the facility closure. Parking will be limited during the entire duration of the project, which is expected to take up to 3-4 weeks. Fencing will be placed around the construction area in order to reopen and allow play.

Event Highlights

- We had approximately 80 people in attendance for our Friday, March 13th showing of Inside Out 2 for our Movie in the Park. This was the last of this event for the season. It will resume next October.

- Our March Island Rocks Concert featuring Casey Bishop & the Line Up as the opener and then Rock Republic as our main act, was our largest attended concert to date! It was well received by all who attended. We could not have these successful events without the collaboration of our Facilities, Police, Fire departments, and the kindness and generosity of the New Life Community Church for allowing us use of their parking lot for our large events.
- Our Sunday Winter Concert Series has been completed for the season. This series will continue next season, however, some of the concert dates will be moved to Tuesday evenings due to the lack of shade at the park.
- We had a full park for our annual Spring Jubilee! This was our first time having the hunt around the pond. While we may make a few tweaks moving forward, over all the feedback was very positive. The kids absolutely loved it and many shared that they had more fun searching for the eggs rather than doing the traditional egg grab, although we still did the egg grab for the younger ones. The children who found one of our dozen golden eggs which held a certificate for a free ice cream donated from one of our local businesses, were very excited! The Optimist Club continues to be a great partner; they had a steady line for snow cones and snacks for most of the event! This event could not take place without the support of all our amazing volunteers. We had volunteers from local groups such as the high school Key Club, Senior Softball, Pickleball players, Bocce players, Kiwanis and Rotary groups, and of course our personal friends and family.
- The Farmers Market will wrap up for the season on April 15th. We continued to have a large attendance throughout the month of March, however as of April, our attendance has reduced.
- Our first ever Teen Bike Event will take place on Friday, May 1st, Veterans Community Park, 4pm – 6pm. This event is a collaboration from the Island Bike Shop, Optimist Club of Marco Island, MIPD, MIFD, and of course Parks & Recreation.

Additional Updates

- Applications for Summer Camp are now available online.
- The application for Summer Camp Counselors is available on our City website. Ideally, we are looking for individuals who are 18+, but we will consider candidates 16+ who have experience working in a camp setting or watching children.
- Staff also continue to assist with programs and events organized by outside groups utilizing City park property, providing coordination and on site support as needed.