



City of Marco Island

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

Re: Parks & Recreation Monthly Report

Mackle Park

- Fit Beyond 50, Yoga with Soul, and Line Dancing have all resumed for the season.
- A new Meditation Class begins October 13th, offered in both morning and evening sessions to accommodate various schedules.
- Instructor Sharon has introduced a new Intermediate American Mah Jongg class on Mondays, 12–2 p.m.
- Room reservations for private meetings and community groups continue to increase.
- Daily park visitation has increased. We have morning walkers, daily bocce play, basketball players, playground visitors, spray park users, game room participants, and middle school students who gather after school.

Field Use

- The athletic fields are in full use by both youth and adult sports groups.
- Eight teams are registered for the Thursday Night Men's League.

Mackle Park Events

- The next Movies in the Park will feature *Hocus Pocus 2* on Thursday, October 24th at approximately 7:05 p.m. (just before sunset). The Optimist Club of Marco Island will provide concessions and in celebration of City Government Week, Parks staff will distribute 50 free bags of popcorn to attendees.
- The annual *Halloween Spooktacular* will take place on Saturday, October 25th, 4–6 p.m. at Mackle Park. The Marco Island Academy Key Club and adult volunteers from local organizations will assist with the event. The Parks team has coordinated contests, entertainment, and family-friendly activities to ensure another memorable community celebration.
- Staff are preparing for the *Home Depot Foundation Project*, scheduled for October 14–23. Planning has included weekly Teams meetings, coordination of deliveries, weeklong program logistics, facility use, and kick-off event preparation.
- The November Movie in the Park will feature *LUCA* on Friday, November 14th at 5:50 p.m.

Veterans Community Park Events

- Preparations are underway for the *Tribute to Veterans* event on Friday, November 7th, 6–8 p.m., which will be the first performance of its kind for the community.
 - Staff are collaborating with the American Legion on the annual *Veterans Day Ceremony*, scheduled for Tuesday, November 11th at 11 a.m.
 - The *Farmers Market* season will run Wednesdays, November 12th through April 16th. The Parks team extends appreciation to all City departments whose support makes this event possible.
 - Staff are finalizing details for the *Island Rocks Concert Series*, returning with performances on January 17, February 14, and March 14, 2026.
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Racquet Center

- Daily activity continues to increase at the Racquet Center.
 - Staff have participated in several meetings regarding rates, usage, planned demolition of the Racquetball Building, parking improvements, and potential donations toward future renovations.
 - The Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) will be tasked with making a recommendation to City Council regarding the future of the facility. The ultimate goal is to gather resident feedback to help shape the long-term vision for the Racquet Center.
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Community Support

- Parks staff continue to assist outside organizations with event permitting and logistics for activities taking place at City parks and throughout the community, including beach events.
- Recent collaborations include events organized by local non-profit groups, church organizations, arts & crafts shows, concerts, and other private events and gatherings.
- Staff regularly respond to resident inquiries regarding park rules (including e-bike usage), facility reservations, maintenance schedules, and upcoming projects.
- Samantha Malloy recently presented an update on Parks & Recreation programs and initiatives to the Marco Island Realtors Association.