



City of Marco Island

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

Re: Parks & Recreation Monthly Report

Department Highlights

- Attendance for Mackle Park community room rentals and programs has declined. Seasonal exercise classes will conclude on May 22nd.
- Average attendance for fitness programs has reduced but remains steady: Fit Beyond 50 (34), Yoga (22), Line Dancing (16).
- A total of 10 participants attended the final casino trip of the season.
- Participation in daily activities (canasta, bocce, shuffleboard, basketball, soccer, ping pong, and billiards) has declined; however, consistent daily use of facilities continues.
- Athletic fields at Mackle Park and Winterberry Park will be reserved intermittently throughout the summer. Parks will collaborate with the Facilities department to schedule field closures (two weeks or longer) for maintenance and turf recovery.
- Resurfacing of the Airnasium is currently under way, and early feedback from patrons has been very positive. We feel very fortunate to have this covered space available in time for our summer camp programming.
- Park staff have been actively planning and implementing all aspects of summer camp. Applications are being received, and staff selection is ongoing. The team will include two returning counselors and four former participants from the Leader in Training (LIT) program. Summer staff training will begin on May 26th.
- Staff are coordinating with annual event organizers who have begun reserving dates for the upcoming season. The next seasons calendars are already filling up quickly.
- The Racquet Center Staff are processing eligible renewals and contacting individuals on the wait list to confirm interest and review the registration process. Membership will remain capped at 450 as approved by City Council.
- The racquetball building demolition has been completed. We appreciate the patience of players and neighboring residents during this project. The Facilities Director is coordinating the installation of new fencing, which is anticipated to begin soon.

Event Highlights

- The youth bike event was a successful collaboration effort between The Island Bike Shop, Optimist Club of Marco Island, Marco Island Police Department, Marco Island Fire Department, and Parks and Recreation. A total of 18 youth participated in the bike portion, with additional attendees present as spectators and participants in other activities.
- The City of Marco Island is partnering with the American Legion for the annual Memorial Day Ceremony which will be held at Veterans Community Park, May 25th, 11am.
- The annual Teen Bash will take place at Mackle Park on May 29th beginning at 12pm. This event is geared toward Middle School students as an end-of-school year celebration.

Additional Updates

- Staff continued to assist with programs and events organized by outside groups by processing permits for events both on and off City property and providing coordination and onsite support for those held on city property.