



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: October 23, 2019
TO: Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Administration Division, Parks and Recreation Department
SUBJECT: Director's Report

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Commission receive a presentation on the status of the various Parks and Recreation Department (Department) initiatives and activities.

DISCUSSION:

Citywide Trike Race

On October 2, the Parks and Recreation Department won the final round of the 2019 City of Santa Barbara inter-departmental trike race for charity, securing a donation for the Department's nonprofit organization of choice, the Wilderness Youth Project (WYP). WYP's mission is to foster confidence, health, and a life-long love of learning for young people and families through active outdoor experiences and mentoring. Soon after achieving victory in the race, the trike race team assembled to present \$2,445.00 raised by the City Employee Philanthropy Committee during the trike race events to Anthony Hickling, Assistant Director of Development for WYP. Congratulations and many thanks to team members Walid Bdirat, Steve Biddle, Payton Moore, Adam Porte, and Justin Van Mullem, along with Ariana Bilek, the Department's Employee Philanthropy Committee representative.

Adapted Halloween Dance

The Adapted Recreation Program will host their annual Halloween Dance on Friday, October 25, from 7:00-9:00pm at the Carrillo Street Gym, 102 E. Carrillo Street. This inclusive event is open to participants of all ages and abilities. The Parks and Recreation Department has been offering these seasonal dances to members of our community with special needs since 1975. There will be a live DJ, dancing and refreshments. The fee is \$6 at the door. Recently, the Department has partnered with local non-profit World Dance for Humanity, whose goal is to share the joy of music and dance while serving people in need. World Dance is generously providing free dance instruction during the weekly Shake, Rattle and Roll dance class on Thursdays. World Dance will facilitate a special

performance and interactive dancing at the Halloween Dance on Friday to favorites such as Ghostbusters, Monster Mash, and Thriller – Flash Mob style. In addition, volunteers from Mission City Church and Westmont College look forward to this event and assist staff to decorate and transform the Carrillo Street Gym into a spooky, FUNky, night club-type experience. All are welcome. Anyone interested in volunteering or making a donation can contact Julie Thomas by email at jthomas@santabarbaraca.gov or by phone at 805-564-5421.

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