



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: December 18, 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:

Flag Football

The Department offers free, after school sport leagues at ten SBUSD elementary schools. These leagues promote physical fitness, develop school camaraderie, and teach basic sport techniques to participants. School teams in three sports: flag football, basketball and soccer, participate in eight-week programs that include weekly practices and games with paid coaches and referees. Participants receive skill and drill training while playing against school teams from all over the city, fostering positive relationships.

On November 22, the 2019 Flag Football League that included 301 co-ed participants making up 21 teams culminated with a season ending tournament at Dwight Murphy Field. After a series of fun and competitive games with parents at the sidelines, the following elementary schools proved victorious: Franklin 3rd and 4th Grade; Roosevelt (Thursday Division); and Cleveland (Friday Division) 5th and 6th Grade.

The after school sport leagues will continue after the Christmas holiday with Blacktop basketball in early January, followed by soccer in March, 2020.

Thanksgiving Luncheon

On November 27, 2019, the Kiwanis Club of Santa Barbara and the City's Adapted Programs Section co-hosted the Annual Adapted Programs Thanksgiving Luncheon in the Carrillo Recreation Center ballroom. The Kiwanis Club coordinated the donation of the turkeys and hams, and contributed \$700 towards event and meal supplies. With support from Tri-Counties Regional Center, the Parks and Recreation Department Adapted

Programs team, and various volunteers from the City's other departments, a turkey dinner complete with pumpkin pie dessert was served to an estimated 250 participants. This annual feast brings together individuals with disabilities, their families, and caregivers to enjoy an afternoon filled with delicious food, community building, and celebration.

Los Baños Del Mar Pool Maintenance Closure

Los Baños del Mar Pool is scheduled to close from December 16 – December 29, 2019 for multiple pool maintenance projects. The pool will re-open in time for swimmers to dive into their New Year's resolutions and take advantage of the "Swim 30 days for \$30" promotion. The closure dates will minimize the impacts to the Santa Barbara City College swim program and the Santa Barbara Swim Club. This time is traditionally a slower swim time for patrons because of the holiday season. The closure length is consistent with past maintenance closures. The improvements will include draining the pool, repairing the pool plaster, replacing in-pool lights, installing new lane lines, and refilling the pool. The process of draining 360,000 gallons and refilling the pool over a one-week period removes by-products that buildup over time, and reduces wear and tear on the pool equipment.

Los Baños del Mar continues to be an indispensable part of Santa Barbara's aquatic community. The maintenance closures help maintain its safety and functionality, while also improving the experience of swimmers.

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