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Memorandum

TO: City Council, Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Adam Huehnergath, Parks and Recreation Manager
RE: Monthly Directors Report March 2025
CC: Mick Michel, City Administrator
Date: April 21, 2025

Aquatic Center:

The final hiring is being finalized tonight. We will have 21 lifeguards this year, which is an increase of five from 2024 along with the assistant manager Hayleigh Ries. With the increase in staff, we can start looking at different events and programs to breathe more life into the aquatic center. Hayleigh has been involved in aquatics for over 5 years and has some great ideas. We are going to start marketing the new individual passes next week and hope to have a good understanding and response to the changes. Registration for swimming lessons starts 4/29 and 5/1 and hopefully we can sell many passes then.

Community Garden:

The community garden is getting tilled and cleaned up for the 2nd year. We still have a few spots left and should be filled with announcements about the openings. The Conservation Camp 2025 is finalized with sign-ups being taken. The camp will consist of seven classes from the initial planting of the garden plots on May 17th through the harvesting in the fall. The attendees will build rain barrels and bird boxes along with learning about composting, pollination and soil conservation. Alycia Willenbring along with the James Kennedy Library staff have put together a great program to educate our grade school students and parents about gardening. Thanks to the many local sponsors listed in the packet included and Alycia for having the idea and implementation. Cost for the program is just \$48 per family that covers materials for the bird houses.

Baseball/Softball Fields:

The first baseball and softball games are tonight. The new lights at Westside and Candy Cane are up and functioning. Terry Recker braved the wind last week and fixed all the non-functioning lights on the other Westside fields and back Candy Cane diamond. We had to put sod in the areas affected last fall with the regrading that are inside the fences in the playing area at Westside and have been watering every day. The whole complex will look and function amazingly once the grass around the diamonds pops up. I am working with Russ Bolibaugh with the Field of Dreams crew on processes for getting diamonds ready for games since they will be in charge of game day work during their tournaments.