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MEMORANDUM

To: Parks, Arts, Recreation, and Culture Advisory Commission.

From: Matt Steffy, Parks Maintenance Coordinator

Date: March 19th, 2020

Subject: Greatest Parks in the Universe Staff Report

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- We are gearing up for summer already. Staff contacts, project lists, inventory, and event planning have been focused on the months ahead.
 - We will begin bringing staff back on April 13th. Expect full crew by early June.
 - Our first big camping weekend is coming with the Winter King Tournament on March 21st. There will be over a thousand participants and their families filling up the campgrounds and parking lots. There will be a large wedding at the boathouse pavilion on the same day.
 - Fat Tire Bike festival will be hosted out of the Bishops Beach Park. Friday night potluck and events all Saturday for the weekend of March 27th-28th.
 - There will be a 5k Fun Run for the HMS Soccer Team from Bishops Beach to Beluga Lake Lodge on April 4th.
 - Mariner gate will be locked on April 1st. Coal gathering has been fairly steady this winter. There have been a number of contacts made with the public regarding Beach Policy. The response has been mostly positive.
 - New PW Director first day is March 16th. We look forward to a new dynamic in the department.
 - I have reached out to a company that specializes in creosote encapsulation. I am waiting to hear back on prices and the life span of the product. This may be a good option for KHP Parking Lot poles.
 - The Plantman, who was awarded the contract for our initial flower delivery, has defaulted on the order due to unforeseen catastrophes at his greenhouse. I have reached out to other vendors to work on spreading our flower needs around multiple sources. There will be a little more legwork involved, but we should be just fine.

