



## PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

### STAFF REPORTS

August 9, 2023

#### JAIME DEL BARRIO, VOLUNTEER PROGRAM COORDINATOR

1. **Holiday Special Event Recruiting** – Trunk or Treat and Christmas in Meridian may be far away, but I am recruiting now to ensure we have enough volunteers for these events. I am targeting large businesses in Meridian and Boise specifically for the parade.
2. **High School Service Clubs** – This fall my goal is to go in person to high school service club meetings to promote the events for Trunk or Treat and Christmas in Meridian events, mainly the parade and children winter festival.
3. **Summer Events Wrap Up**– Our weekly special events this summer are wrapping up in August with the movie nights bringing a consistent group of volunteers for set up and tear down.

#### JAKE GARRO, FACILITY MANAGER (HOMECOURT & LAKEVIEW GOLF CLUB)

1. **Facility Operations** – Current hours are as follows: Monday through Friday: 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.; Weekends: 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
September 11 we will move to Monday through Friday: 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.; Weekends 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
  - MPR summer volleyball and 3 vs 3 basketball kicks will be done August 3.
2. **Upcoming Facility Reservations -**  
Idaho Senior Games – September 8 & 9 – 1 Court. It has been communicated in a very clear manner the facility will still have a strong odor left behind from the floor resurfacing project during this time. This reservation, as of July 31, has not been confirmed.

3. **Community Education/Court 5** – Court 5 is consistently scheduled throughout the week each day during the summer for community education classes. Classes include Jazzercise, gymnastics, tumbling, cheerleading, pickleball, line dancing, kendo and fencing.
4. **Community Athletic Groups** – I am working with our user groups on Fall 2023/Winter 2024 practice schedules for youth sports. It is our philosophy to grant user groups the same space that was used during the previous season. Youth practices take place during the months of September through May.
5. **Facility Usage** – As our user groups (youth AAU basketball teams) transition back into Homecourt for practices, those groups will practice Monday – Thursday 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. We have created more open court space for the general public. Open court times for the general public will be Monday through Thursday 7:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. and Friday 4:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. We have made this adjustment to accommodate the need for additional open court space to families in our community.
6. **Lease Agreement ReSurge Church** – Our current lease agreement with ReSurge Church is set to expire September 30, 2023. Re-Surge church will not be renewing their contract. The City has allowed for Re-Surge to secure another facility by extending their move out date to February 29, 2024.
7. **Floor Resurfacing Project** – This project will be being August 28 and will be completed September 7. The final polyurethane coat will be applied Friday September 1. Due to the smell of the polyurethane, the facility will remain closed until September 11.
8. **Homecourt Sign** – We have seen some damage on our Homecourt Sign on the front of our facility. This sign is hanging directly above our front door. We are seeking to install a new panaflex face with new lettering 120" x 120" and convert the light to LED lighting as well. I am seeking to schedule this project during our floor resurfacing project.
9. **Basketball Backstop Safety Inspection** – I am seeking to schedule this project August 24 – 27. It is my goal to have this project completed before the floor resurfacing project begins on August 28. I have been in contact with BROCC Athletic Product Solutions. This company is based out of Mesa, Arizona. They do have techs currently working in Utah. As of July 31, I am currently working to solidify these dates. This project has never been done. The scope of this project is to ensure all backboards are secured to our ceiling properly and operating in a safe manner.

## **SKYLER COOK RECREATION COORDINATOR 1 (SPORTS & EXTERNAL EVENTS)**

### **1. Field Reservations**

- Working through field reservation adjustments for summer and fall
- Collecting payments and insurance for reservations
- Brayge fall season starts 8/26 at Bear Creek
- SWADALL fall season starts 8/26 at Discovery
- MYB starts fall season 8/16 at Fuller & Settlers
- Softball Crossfire tournament 8/25-8/27 at Heritage
- PAL fall season starts 8/19 at Heroes and 8/26 at Settlers
- Idaho Storm fall season starts 8/21 at Jabil
- Albion fall season 8/1 at Settlers
- Idaho Senior Games Pickle Tourney 8/24-8/27 at Settlers
- NABA playing at Storey Park until October

### **2. External Events**

- 8/4 Meridian Fire Dept Salmon Feed at Kleiner Park B1
- 8/10 Tresidio Homes Event at Heroes Park
- 8/19 Friendship 5K at Kleiner Park
- 8/26 Idaho Arthritis Walk at Kleiner Park Bandshell
- 8/26 Encore Kickoff Party at Bear Creek Park

### **3. Sports Leagues & Tournaments**

- Fall Cornhole league has 41 teams registered to begin play August 7<sup>th</sup>
  - End of season tournament 9/16

## **MAGGIE COMBS, RECREATION COORDINATOR (SPORTS)**

- 2023 Volleyball Leagues** – We are finishing up this year's Summer 4v4 season at Homecourt this week. Registration is currently open for the 2023 Fall league which closes on Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, for play to begin at the week of August 21<sup>st</sup>.
- 2023 Summer 3V3 Basketball League** – Our Wednesday 3v3 Basketball League at Homecourt wraps up its final game this week for the summer. This league was self-officiated by the teams.
- 2023 Meridian Del Drake Senior Wood Bat League** – Seniors 60+ are currently underway on Monday night, Tuesday morning, and Wednesday night. League games at night are played at Heritage Middle School, while the Tuesday morning league plays at Settlers Park. There are still spots open on some of the leagues for late arrivals.
- 2023 Softball Leagues** – We wrapped up the Spring/Summer Softball league the week of July 10<sup>th</sup> crowning 13 different division champions. We started league play

for the Summer/Fall League the week of July 17<sup>th</sup> for 93 teams between the Men's and Coed league of all different skill levels.

5. **2023 Fall Football League** – Registration is currently open for the Fall Flag Football league we have openings for both Men's and Coed teams. Registration will close Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, and playing start the week of September 11<sup>th</sup>.
6. **2023 Adult Sport Program Scorekeeper** – We are currently looking for more staff to help keep score during the 2023 sports season. The job is open on the City website.

#### **CASSANDRA SCHIFFLER, ARTS & CULTURE COORDINATOR**

1. **Meridian Art Week, Sep 16-23** – This week-long event features a variety of free and low-cost activities in music, literature, performance, and visual arts. We are seeking a variety of artists for the week; to apply or register to participate visit: <https://meridiantcity.org/artweek/participate>

Here are the planned activities:

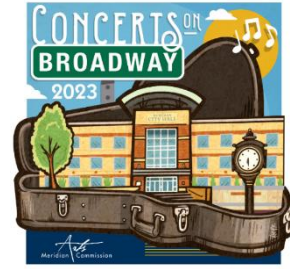
- **Art Drop (All week!)**
- **Classes**
  - *Monday:* "Artrepreneur" class with artist Martha Channer
  - *Mon, Wed, Fri:* Writing class with author Dana Long
  - *Thursday:* Plein Air painting class with Little Pallets
  - *Friday:* Improv Class with Comedy Sportz
- **Saturday: Community Art Party:**  
September 16 5-8 p.m.
  - Chalk art competition
  - Buskerfest
  - Hands on Activities
- **Tuesday:** Gallery Opening at Initial Point  
Gallery 4:30-7 p.m.
- **Wednesday:** Panel Discussion at Initial  
Point Gallery: How to Make a Stellar  
Application: 12-1 p.m.
- **Saturday, September 23:** Final Concert  
on Broadway





## 2. Concerts on Broadway, 6pm at Meridian City Hall -

- August 26<sup>th</sup>: Guilty Pleasure
- September 9<sup>th</sup>: Kings of Swing
- September 23<sup>rd</sup>: Summer Groove Party Band (formerly High Street)



## 3. Initial Point Gallery -



• The August exhibit currently on display at Initial Point Gallery is a group show by member artists in the **Plein Air Painters of Idaho (PAPI) and Stephanie Inman**. The Opening Reception is August 1 and the exhibit runs through August 29.

• Next month's exhibit "People and Places" features artists **Lisa Flowers Ross, Suzanne Lee Chetwood, and Leslie Jay Bosch, and was** sponsored in part by a grant from the Idaho Commission on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

• The Arts Commission has juried the Call to Artists for exhibits in 2024, and I am working to coordinate all selected artists and planned exhibits.

## 4. Public Art Projects -



• **Mosaic Sculptures at Fivemile Creek Trailhub:** The new public artwork by Nevada artist Eileen Gaye is have been successfully installed! (See image)

• **Traffic Box Wraps:** I am working on coordinating five traffic boxes with artworks from the West Ada School District's annual art show for installation.

• **Discovery Park Public Art:** Three artists/artist teams are working on fabrication three new art projects at Discovery Park. We hope to have these installed by the park's opening.

• **Transit Shelter Public Art:** I am working with Valley Regional Transit to develop a new potential public art

project at the Meridian transit shelters. We currently have two shelters, one at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Pine, and one at Ten Mile Crossing.

#### **4. Historic Preservation Projects -**

- **Historic Preservation Plan:** SHPO recommends updating Historic Preservation Plans every 10 years, and our current plan is from 2014. We are working on next steps to complete a new plan, which would require grant funding from SHPO to complete. We will also need to release an RFP for a consultant to bid the project.
- **Eggers Farmstead:** HPC has been considering preservation options for the historic Eggers Farmstead. A developer recently purchased the property and will likely tear down the historic structures. They will keep HPC notified, and may work to put historical signage on the site. We are contracting with HullFilm to add the site to the Virtual 360 Tour, and he has completed the photography work.
- **Downtown Historic Reconnaissance Survey:** TAG Historical Research and Consulting has completed fieldwork for a reconnaissance-level survey of approximately 37 city blocks in downtown Meridian. They will complete final details and submit a draft report to HPC and SHPO to review this month.
- **Meridian Speedway Nomination to the Historic Registry:** SHPO has begun work to revise the nomination and is working with their contacts at NPS to resubmit the nomination with the revisions.