



PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

STAFF REPORTS

April 12, 2023

JAIME DEL BARRIO, VOLUNTEER PROGRAM COORDINATOR

1. **March 2023 Volunteer Hours** – The total amount of volunteer hours: 327.5
 - Front Desk Volunteers: 261.5 hours
 - Park Ambassadors: 35.5 hours
 - Special Events & Projects: 30.5 hours

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

1. **Facility Operations** – Hours are Monday – Friday 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.; Saturday – 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday – 12:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
2. **Upcoming Facility Reservations** –
 - West Coast Elite Basketball – April 15, 16
 - Idaho Select Basketball Camp – May 13, 14
3. **Community Education/Court 5** – Court 5 is consistently scheduled throughout the week each day for community education classes. Classes include gymnastics, tumbling, cheerleading, pickleball, and martial arts. Classes do take place during the weekend hours in Court 5 as well, typically during the afternoon hours on Sunday.
4. **BAPA Parkinson's Clinic** – Members of BAPA (Boise Area Pickleball Association) will provide a Pickleball Clinic to individuals with Parkinson's Disease.
5. **Community Athletic Groups** – I am working to finalize practice schedules through May 2023. Practices typically take place each evening from Monday through Friday, 4:30-10:00 p.m.

6. **Homecourt Memberships vs. Punch Passes** – I am seeking a better solution for patrons that use the facility membership at the Meridian Homecourt. Due to the high volume of facility rentals we have at the Homecourt, as a department, we are seeking a better option for patrons. We are seeking to possibly move to a 30-day punch pass option as opposed to a 30-day membership with an expiration date.
7. **Lease Agreement ReSurge Church** – Our current lease agreement with ReSurge Church is set to expire September 30, 2023. We are currently seeking a price per square foot to begin negotiations for a new monthly rental fee. We are currently seeking written information detailing the price per square foot for industrial space from Alder Industrial.
8. **Lakeview Golf Course Seasonal Positions** – I am working with Ryan Roberts at Lakeview Golf Club in the hiring process. I am also training Ryan on the process of E-Recruitment as it relates to screening applicants, interviews, and bringing employees onboard as City employees.
9. **Lakeview Golf Course Data Collection** - I am working with course staff and our Finance team to collect relevant data to aid in the budgeting process for future golf budgets, pricing, golf management, and maintenance decisions.
10. **Concession Stand/Snow Cones** – I am beginning to communicate with contracted vendors that operate concession stands and/or snow cone stands in our parks. An initial email has been sent to those owners/operators seeking potential opening dates. An email also served as a reminder regarding payment due dates and potential special events to be held in Meridian City parks.

SKYLER COOK RECREATION COORDINATOR 1 (SPORTS & EXTERNAL EVENTS)

1. Field Reservations

- Working through field reservation adjustments for spring, summer, fall
- Collecting payments and insurance for all reservations
- MYB has begun running youth leagues at Settlers Park
- PAL has begun running youth leagues at Settlers & Heroes
- Idaho Rugby has begun running youth leagues at Settlers Park
- I9 has begun running youth leagues at Tully Park
- Brayge Sports has begun running youth leagues at Bear Creek Park
- Idaho Storm has begun running youth leagues at Jabil Fields
- YMCA begins youth programming at Hillsdale Park on 4/15
- 4/21 Ignite Invitational Baseball Tournament at Heritage

2. External Events

- Working with event organizers on various events for spring, summer, fall
- 4/8 Capital Christian Easter Egg Hunt at Kleiner Park

- 4/8 Legacy Church Easter Egg Hunt at Storey Park
- 4/29 MS Walk at Kleiner Park

3. Sports Leagues & Tournaments

- Spring Cornhole registration is open until April 16th
 - League will begin play on April 24th at Settlers Park
 - End of season tournament Saturday, June 3rd

CASSANDRA SCHIFFLER, ARTS & CULTURE COORDINATOR

1. Performing Arts Project Proposals

- The Arts Commission juried applications for the RFP for Youth Performing Arts Proposals and selected two projects for funding at \$3,500 each:
 - The Huckleberry Star Theater will receive funding covering cast fees and enabling three promotional performances in the City of Meridian.
 - The Treasure Valley Children's Theater will receive funding for subsidizing registration fees for youth involved in the program and supporting production and operational costs, allowing them to present all performances of The Grunch for free.
- I am working on getting the agreements and paperwork in place for funding both projects.



2. Initial Point Gallery

- The April exhibit currently on display at Initial Point Gallery is a group show by artists in the Treasure Valley Artist Alliance (TVAA).
- I'm working with the West Ada School District for their upcoming student show in May.
- The Call to Artists for displays at the gallery in 2024 is now open! Please help spread the word. The deadline to apply is Friday, June 2, 2023 at 5:00 PM. For more information and to apply to the call, visit

<https://meridiancity.org/calltoartists>



3. Public Art Projects

- **Pool Mural:** A new mural project by Sector Seventeen is currently being installed at the Meridian Pool. A ribbon cutting is planned for May 19 at 12:00 PM.
- **Tully Skatepark Murals:** A ribbon cutting for the Tully skatepark murals is planned for May 19 at 4:00 PM with a skate competition hosted by Prestige Skate.

- **Mosaic Sculptures at Fivemile Creek Trailhub:** The public artwork by Nevada artist Eileen Gaye is nearing the 50% fabrication completion and planned for installation at the Fivemile Creek Trailhub this summer in June/July.
- **Discovery Park Public Art:** I am working with three different artists and artist teams on multiple proposals for new public art projects at Discovery Park. All of their proposals are due April 28.
- **Two Year Workplan:** I am drafting a two-year workplan for public art projects, based on the Public Art Committee's prioritization list of public art projects.
- **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 3rd and Pine, and one at Ten Mile Crossing.
- **Traffic Box Wraps:** The Arts Commission will jury awards for the West Ada School District's annual art show, and the student awardee's artworks will be reviewed for recommendation into the traffic box program for 2023. A special traffic box will be wrapped with artwork by the high school student, Terry Binder, that died at Ten Mile and Pine will be installed at that intersection soon.

(Image: High School student Terry Binder's artwork to be installed at Ten Mile and Pine)



4. Historic Preservation Projects

- **May is Preservation Month:** We will have an event featuring a presentation and guided walking tour at 6:00 PM on May 17 starting at City Hall, and history signage displayed at various sites during Unplug and Be Outside Week.
- **Egger's Farmstead:** HPC is considering preservation options for the historic Egger's Farmstead with the last remaining double silo structure in the valley. A developer recently purchased the property and will likely tear down the historic structures for residential development. We are contracting with HullFilm to add the site to the Virtual 360 Tour:
<https://hullfilm360.com/projects/meridian/tour13/>
- **Downtown Historic Reconnaissance Survey:** We are contracting with TAG Historical Research and Consulting to complete Phase II of a reconnaissance-level survey of approximately 37 city blocks in downtown Meridian to document and identify potentially eligible properties the National Register of Historic Places.
- **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.

5. New Meridian Arts Commissioners and Historic Preservation Commissioners

- The Arts Commission has three new nominees to be appointed to the Commission.
- The Historic Preservation Commission has two new nominees to be appointed.
- I am working on orientation materials for the new commissioners, and will be meeting with each one to orient them and answer any questions they may have.