



## PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

### STAFF REPORTS

January 11, 2023

#### **STEVE SIDDOWAY, DIRECTOR**

(Please note, a verbal report will be provided at the January 11, 2023 MPR Commission Meeting.)

#### **MIKE BARTON, PARKS SUPERINTENDENT**

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#### **GARRETT WHITE, RECREATION MANAGER**

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

1. **2023 Winter Volleyball League** – League play starts the week of 1/3/2023. We have a total of 136 teams this season; 68 in both Coed and Women’s leagues. Games will be played Monday – Friday at the Homecourt and local schools.
2. **2022-2023 Winter Basketball League** – This league is underway and will continue play at the Homecourt and local schools.
3. **2022 Holiday Classic Volleyball Tournament** –We were able to deliver Christmas gifts to 38 kids at the local Head Start Program this year with each child receiving a blanket, shoes, a book, toys, clothes, socks, underwear, toothbrushes, and toothpaste.
4. **2023 Meridian Del Drake Senior Wood Bat League** – We have opened player registration for the new league this season. Seniors 60+ are able to register for

Monday Night, Tuesday Morning, Wednesday Night, and Wednesday Night  
Designated Substitute Player currently.

5. **2023 Spring/Summer Softball League** – We are opening Spring/Summer Softball League registration for the Coed and Men’s teams. Players must be at least 18 years of age to play on a team. The registration deadline is March 7<sup>th</sup>. Spots are on a first-come, first-serve basis and not guaranteed until payment is received in full.
6. **2023 Spring Volleyball League** – League registration is opening for the 2023 season for Women’s and Coed teams. The registration deadline is February 28<sup>th</sup>, as spots are on a first-come, first-serve basis and not guaranteed until payment is received in full.
7. **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.

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

##### **1. Field Reservations**

- 2023 field permits have been sent to applicants.
- I am collecting payments and liability insurance.
- I am finalizing the MYB use agreement for Fuller Park and Mo Brooks.
- Online reservations will be opened on February 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 a.m.

##### **2. External Events**

- I am reviewing the Temporary Use Permit process for the upcoming season and scheduling out events for 2023.
- I am reviewing and improving the MPR short-term concession permit process.
- There is a pre-application meeting for Capital Christian Easter Egg Hunt.

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

- Winter Cornhole League will kick off January 30<sup>th</sup> at Sienna Elementary School.
  - Deadline to register is Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **JAIME DEL BARRIO, VOLUNTEER PROGRAM COORDINATOR**

1. **Children’s Winterland Festival** - 36 volunteers put in over 90 hours helping with set up, assisting with games and crafts, and clean-up for the events at the Boys & Girls Club.
2. **Head Start Gift Wrapping** - While the Head Start shopping portion was done before Thanksgiving, the wrapping of the gifts happened in mid-December. We had 10 of

our regular front desk volunteers for 20.5 hours to wrap over 30 bags of gifts for children.

3. **Future Projects** – I am working on organizing the basement shelves and volunteer vests with volunteers. I am also going through paper and electronic files to condense and keep relevant information.

**JAKE GARRO, HOMECOURT FACILITY MANAGER**

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.

- MPR Winter Coed Volleyball is taking place at the Homecourt on Monday & Thursday. This league will conclude mid-March.
- MPR adult Basketball is being held Monday through Thursday, which began in December. This league will conclude in mid-March.

2. **Upcoming Facility Reservations** –

- Idaho Strike Volleyball – January 21, 22
- USA Wrestling Tournament – February 10, 11
- Idaho Select Basketball Camp – March 11
- 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. **Community Athletic Groups** – I am working to finalize the practice schedule for January 2023 through May 2023. Practices typically take place each evening Monday – Friday, 4:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

5. **Weekend Facility Schedule** – We are looking to improve our weekend operations, how the facility is scheduled, and/or what activities are offered during the weekend. Currently, during weekend hours, the facility is set up as follows:

Court 1	two volleyball nets
Court 2 & 3	basketball
Court 4	three pickleball nets
Court 5	pickleball when it becomes available

6. **Lakeview Golf Course** – I am working to finalize and switch all vendor accounts from Lakeview Golf Club to the City of Meridian. Vendor accounts included golf

registration software, golf equipment, merchandise companies, and any vendor used for the maintenance side of golf operations as well.

7. **Lakeview Golf Course Lesson Pay** – I am working with Finance, Human Resources, Legal, and Parks and Recreation staff to finalize the process for golf lesson instructor payment that meets state and federal employment guidelines and payment practices.
8. **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 to possibly move to a 30-day punch pass option as opposed to a 30-day membership with an expiration date.
9. **Lakeview Golf Fee Schedule** – A new golf course fee schedule will go to Council in January. The fee schedule will include a 4% increase on all green fees, increase in cart fees, a non-resident fee of an additional 10% fee to all pass categories, reducing our trail fee by 50%, and establishing new winter rates.

**CASSANDRA SCHIFFLER, ARTS & CULTURE COORDINATOR**

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