



## PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

### STAFF REPORTS

April 13, 2022

#### Parks Division

##### Parks Superintendent Report:

**MIKE BARTON**

(Please note, a verbal report will be provided at the April 13, 2022 MPR Commission Meeting.)

##### Pathways Project Manager's Report:

**KIM WARREN**

(Please note, a verbal report will be provided at the April 13, 2022 MPR Commission Meeting.)

#### Recreation Division

##### Homecourt Facility Manager's Report:

**JAKE GARRO**

1. **Facility Operations** – Hours are Monday – Friday 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.; weekend hours, 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
  - MPR Spring Coed Volleyball is taking place at the Homecourt on Monday and Thursday evenings. This league will conclude in May.
2. **Facility Rentals** –
  - Future Special Events:

- ✓ Pacific Outreach Christian Church – April 16 & 17
  - ✓ Select Basketball Tournament – May 6 & 7
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** – Practice times have been scheduled for local AAU groups for the months of April and May. A number of groups are in the process of finalizing June schedules. Court space for June will be reserved at a later date. Practices typically take place each evening Monday – Friday, from 4:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. It is our goal to keep all practices on 3 courts.
  5. **Lakeview Golf Course** – I am working with Lakeview Golf staff and KemperSports in managing operations at Lakeview Golf Course.

### Recreation Coordinators' Report:

**RENEE WHITE**

1. **Unplug and Be Outside** – Unplugged and Be Outside features a week of free activities which encourages youth and families to be physically active and try new activities. I am excited to once again be producing the kick-off, field day, and food truck rally in addition to the individual classes. We have classes in arts, sports, and recreation for all ages. This year's event is May 7 – 14.

The kick-off is in Kleiner Park from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. and features demonstrations and workshops:

- Bicycle Rodeo, by Meridian Police Department
- Community Garden Tour by Meridian Co-op Gardeners
- Arboretum Tour and Tree Planting
- Disc Golf Lessons
- Flat Tire Repair & Slime - Republic Services & Meridian Cycles
- Meridian Parks & Recreation – Activity Guide, printed schedules for Unplug and be Outside & Unplug Challenge

We are once again partnering with Be Outside Idaho and have a sponsorship from Idaho Central Credit Union. We have used those funds for marketing and prizes. We are offering the Unplug and Be Outside Challenge and will give away prizes that were donated by Idaho Botanical Garden, Zoo Boise, War Hawk Museum, and Birds of Prey. The Grand Prize is a hoverboard.

Check out the online schedule at [www.meridiancity.com/unplug](http://www.meridiancity.com/unplug). We continue to include a variety of self-guided options.

Additionally, I am lining up entertainment, sponsors, service vendors, executing contracts and invoices, updating the website, and creating social media posts and marketing flyers for all the upcoming events. It is helpful if you would like and share the events on social media. I welcome your thoughts and participation in all our special events. Thank you.

## 2. Movie Night –



The flyer for 'Movie Night' features a vibrant illustration of the Encanto movie scene on the left. On the right, the text reads: 'Sparklight MERIDIAN City Movie Night ENCANTO FRIDAY, JUNE 10 SETTLERS PARK'. Below this, the logo for 'FOUR SEASONS Spa & Pool LLC' is displayed. At the bottom, logos for CWI College of Western Idaho, Advanced Therapy Care, and VCI Audio Entertainment are listed.

## 3. Gene Kleiner Day –



The flyer for 'Gene Kleiner Day' at Julius M Kleiner Memorial Park (EST. 2012) features a photo of a large crowd at an outdoor concert. A circular portrait of Gene Kleiner is included. The text reads: 'Gene Kleiner Day honors the generosity of the day's namesake who donated the 60-acre, and \$25 million to create Julius M. Kleiner Memorial Park for the City of Meridian and its residents. Gene made the donation in honor of his late father, Julius, who once farmed the land on which the park now sits and operated until Julius's passing in 1972. The park has become a community gathering place and boasts 3.3 miles of walking paths, a growing tree arboretum, two fishing ponds, the Rock of Honor Veterans Memorial, a community garden and full spectrum of youth play equipment.' At the bottom, it states: 'Free outdoor concert by the Meridian Symphony Orchestra Saturday, June 11 at 7:00pm Kleiner Park Bandshell'. The Meridian City logo is also present.

#### 4. Independence Day Celebration –



#### MAGGIE COMBS

1. **2022 Winter Volleyball League** – We completed the Winter Volleyball League before the end of March.
2. **2022 Spring/Summer Softball League** – We have 105 Softball teams between Men's and Coed leagues. The league started on March 28<sup>th</sup> on Discovery Park fields; Storey, Bear Creek and Tully Parks fields will start to be used the week of April 11<sup>th</sup>.
3. **2022 Spring Volleyball League** – League play started the week of March 28<sup>th</sup>. We have a total of 109 Women's and Coed teams.
4. **2022 Adult Sport Program Scorekeeper** – We are currently looking for more staff to help keep score during the 2022 sports season. The job is open on the City website.

5. **Site Supervisor – Recreation** - We are opening the job position for the Site Supervisor – Recreation position. This job serves as a site supervisor for adult sports leagues during the evenings.

## **SKYLER COOK**

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

- Meridian Chamber Field of Dreams Softball Tournament 4/9 at Storey Park.
- Idaho Senior Softball begins season 4/18 at Heritage.
- Ignite Baseball Tournament at Heritage 4/23 & 4/24.

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

- I am working with groups and organizations on planning their 2022 events.
- I am approving MSUs and TUPs through Accela.
- MS Walk Saturday 4/9 at Kleiner Park. John Meuser will help with setup on Friday night.
- The Treasure Valley Kite Festival on Saturday 4/23 has been cancelled. No staff needed.
- Idaho Fish & Game Fishing Trailer
  - 4/8 at Kleiner Park
  - 4/21 at Kleiner Park
  - 4/27 at Settlers Park

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

- Winter Basketball concluded on March 16<sup>th</sup>.
- The Cornhole Tournament Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> had 30 teams at Meridian Homecourt.
- The Spring Cornhole league will begin in May after a ribbon cutting-ceremony at Settlers Park. Registration date TBD.

## Arts & Culture Coordinator's Report:

### **CASSANDRA SCHIFFLER**

#### 1. **Initial Point Gallery** -

- The Initial Point Gallery exhibit in March featured artwork by 25 artists in the Treasure Valley Artist Alliance, and was themed Verdant Discourse. I organized a social media campaign for the show highlighting an artist each day from the day after the show until St. Patrick's Day. (see announcement and images below)
- The Initial Point Gallery exhibit for April opened on the 1<sup>st</sup> and featured abstract artwork by Larry Balsan, Benjamin Hunt, April Davis, and Michael Norsk, with woodworking sculptures by Gary Holt Peer. (see image below) The opening was a great success, with around 75 guests attending.

#### 2. **Public Art Projects** -

- The Meridian Library District's board reviewed and approved the MOU with the City, and we are now underway with the design stage for a mural by Key Design at the unBound Library. We hope to have the design approved in a few months, and this mural installed later this summer!
- Western Ada Recreation District (WARD) has shown interest in a mural at the Pool, and we have drafted an MOU for their approval for the third and final mural in the Meridian Mural series campaign, aimed at partnering with local businesses and organizations to install murals.
- I am working on a revised Call to Artists with a two-step process RFQ + RFP for the Five Mile Creek Pathway Trailhub public artwork. This revised Call will have an expanded scope of work, an increased budget of \$50,000, and will be released nationally to all artists. If the Arts Commission approves the new Call, that should be advertised later this month.
- The existing mural at Tully Park was graffitied, and though it was already faded and had some issues, the necessary graffiti removal further deteriorated the mural. I am working on a new mural project that will include a call to youth artists for a design, and contracting a professional mural artist to mentor and help install the youth's mural. The Public Art Committee has approved the project, and I will present it to the full Arts Commission later this month and drafting a Call to Youth Artists.

**3. Art Week and Concerts on Broadway –**

- I am are beginning to plan classes for Art Week 2022, September 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>.
- I am working to get agreements in place with the bands and audio production company for the Concerts on Broadway series: Smooth Avenue on August 27<sup>th</sup>; High Street on September 10<sup>th</sup>, and Soul Patch on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

**4. Meridian Arts Commission –** The Meridian Arts Commission has two newly-appointed Commissioners, Bobby Gaytan and Patrick O'Leary.

**5. Historic Preservation Commission –**

- The Commission is beginning to plan activities for Preservation Month in May, which will include some public walking tours and possibly a presentation by the Owyhee County Museum Director.
- TAG has edited the Meridian Speedway nomination for the National Historic Places Registry based on comments to SHPO. The nomination will be reviewed by SHPO this month, and then submitted to the Idaho Historic Sites Review Board for their review in June.
- New Commissioners, Pam Jagosh and John Dinger, were appointed to the Commission last month.




**FEATURING:**

- Alan Bailey
- Leslie Jay Bosch
- Suzi Butler
- Gina Brostmeyer
- Matt Ciranni
- Gina Cole
- Debra Curry
- Marina Dery
- Heidi Egerman
- Linda Feinberg
- Mary Gardiner
- Heather Haley
- Kayla Hanson
- Suzanne Knorr
- Patricia Koleini
- Tegwin Matenaer
- Gary McCall
- Claire Remsberg
- Kerri Silvernell
- Paula Sinclair
- Jill Storey
- Jessie Swimeley
- Lizzie Taylor
- Yvonne Vanoni-Peterson
- Helen Grainger Wilson

**Verdant Discourse**

An Art Exhibition by Treasure Valley Artist Alliance at Initial Point Gallery  
 OPENING RECEPTION: March 4, 2022, 4-7pm, 33 E. Broadway, 3rd Flr, Meridian, ID

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Arts Meridian Commission

Exhibition is open: Meridian City Hall, 3rd floor  
 March 4th - 31st, 2022, Monday - Friday, 8am - 5pm

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