



PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

STAFF REPORTS

June 8, 2022

Administration Division

Parks & Recreation Director's Report:

STEVE SIDDOWAY

(Please note, a verbal report will be provided at the June 8, 2022 MPR Commission Meeting.)

Parks Division

Parks Superintendent Report:

MIKE BARTON

(Please note, a verbal report will be provided at the June 8, 2022 MPR Commission Meeting.)

Pathways Project Manager's Report:

KIM WARREN

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Recreation Division

Recreation Coordinators' Report:

RENEE WHITE

1. **Unplug and Be Outside** – Unplug & Be Outside featured a week of free activities to encourage youth, adults, and families to be physically active and try new activities in arts, sports, and recreation. Happily, after two years off, due to Covid-19, we returned the two largest events: the Kick-off and Field Day.

Returning favorites to the kick-off were the free tire slime station, free bicycle helmets by St Luke's Children's Hospital, and the bicycle rodeo. Idaho Parks & Recreation, Children's Museum of Idaho, Treasure Valley YMCA, and Idaho Conservation Corps were first time participants. The day was extremely rainy which had a negative impact on attendance. Despite the weather, the vendors were glad to be there, thankful for the opportunity, and interested in returning next year.

This year we also offered a field day and food truck rally to raise money for the Care Enough to Share scholarship program in Settlers Park. Activities included fishing, tennis lessons, and an introduction to soccer and flag football.

Idaho Central Credit Union has stepped up to sponsor this year, and we used those funds to support the Unplug Challenge prizes. The prizes were used to encourage participation of the individual classes and staying unplugged. Seventy-two people entered and 26 won prizes. Up for grabs were Bogus Basin summer passes, Idaho Botanical Garden event passes, Zoo Boise admission passes, and more. We had entries aged 1 – 70.

2. **Movie Night** – Movie Night continues this summer with 11 outdoor, family-friendly movies from June 11 – August 19.



3. **Gene Kleiner Day** – The Meridian Symphony Orchestra will perform a free concert on Saturday, June 11, in the Julius Kleiner Bandshell as we celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the opening of Kleiner Park. Added to this year's festivities are Jukebox—a local cover band, free ice cream, and an instrument petting zoo.



4. **Independence Day Celebration** – Kabang! We are looking forward to live music, family-friendly games, picnics, and food trucks in Storey Park. The event begins at 4 p.m. and concludes with the City fireworks. Games are from 4 – 7 pm. Live music will perform from 7:30 p.m. – until the fireworks conclude.



SKYLER COOK

1. Field Reservations -

- MYB tournaments 6/3-6/5 and 6/17-6/19
- BAPA Heroes Memorial Tournament 6/2-6/5 at Settlers Park
- ACHD Family Fun Day Kickball at Bear Creek 6/18
- Softball Tournament at Discovery Park 6/18-6/19
- Alzheimer's Pickleball Tournament 6/24-6/26

2. External Events -

- Working with groups and organizations on planning their 2022 events
- Approving MSUs and TUPs through Accela
- 6/3 Summer Reading Program Kickoff Event at Settlers Park
- 6/3 West Ada Jazz Concert Kleiner Park Bandshell
- 6/10 CM Company BBQ at Heroes Park
- 6/10 Adjustapalooza at Kleiner Park
- 6/11 Gene Kleiner Day at Kleiner Park Bandshell
- 6/11 Ford Mustang Car Show at Kleiner Park A1 Grass Area
- 6/11 Camp River Run Volleyball Tournament at Settlers Park Fields D & E
- 6/16 Horizon Summer Picnic at Settlers Shelter 2
- 6/16 Platinum Idaho BBQ at Kleiner Park A1
- 6/18 Meridian High Golden Class Reunion at Heroes Park
- 6/22 Kendall Ford Games BBQ at Kleiner A1 Grass Area
- 6/23 Blast & Dash 5K at Kleiner Park
- 6/23-6/25 Dairy Days at Storey Park
- 6/26 Bus Pilots Family Reunion at Kleiner Park
- 6/30 Select Health BBQ at Kleiner Park

3. Sports Leagues & Tournaments -

- Spring Cornhole league playing at Settlers Tues-Thurs with 30 total teams; tournament on 6/18
- Dairy Days Cornhole Tournament on Friday 6/24 at Mo Brooks
- Meeting with Idaho Senior Softball next week to discuss logistics for taking over in 2023

Arts & Culture Coordinator's Report:

CASSANDRA SCHIFFLER

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