



City of Santa Rosa

Virtual Meeting

**BOARD OF COMMUNITY SERVICES
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA AND
SUMMARY REPORT - FINAL
JULY 28, 2021**

4:00 P.M.

DUE TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDERS N-25-20 AND N-29-20 WHICH SUSPEND CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE BROWN ACT, AND THE ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF SONOMA TO SHELTER IN PLACE TO MINIMIZE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19, THE BOARD OF COMMUNITY SERVICES MEMBERS WILL BE PARTICIPATING VIA A ZOOM WEBINAR.

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DEADLINES AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ARE SET FORTH BELOW:

4:00 P.M.

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Correspondence/Public Comment

Sponsors: Recreation and Parks and Board of Community Services

Attachments: [Correspondence/Public Comment](#)

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 4.1 May 26, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

Sponsors: Board of Community Services

Attachments: [May 26 2021 DRAFT Minutes](#)

5. REPORTS ON UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACCOMPLISHED EVENTS

5.1 Upcoming and Accomplished Events

Sponsors: Recreation and Parks and Board of Community Services

Attachments: [Upcoming and Accomplished Events](#)

6. DIRECTOR UPDATES

7. SCHEDULED ITEMS

7.1 DAY CAMPS AND WORK EXPERIENCE

Recreation Coordinator Ryan Shepherd will provide an overview of the traditional day camp programs Wa-tam, Yu-Chi, and Doyle Day Camps, as well as the Work Experience program for teens. The overview will include pre and post COVID information as well as program challenges.

Recommended Action: Information

Sponsors: Recreation and Parks and Board of Community Services

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Mayor's Lunch for Committee/Board Chairs

Recommended Action: Information.

Sponsors: Board of Community Services

8.2 Santa Rosa Waterways Advisory Committee

Recommended Action: Information

Sponsors: Board of Community Services

9. WRITTEN AND/OR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

9.1 Zest Newsletter

Sponsors: Recreation and Parks and Board of Community Services

Attachments: [Zest Newsletter](#)

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

11. ADJOURNMENT

Board of Community Services

- FINAL

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From: Carol Cranston <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2021 9:20 PM
To: Marsha Dupre <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Nicholls, Mary Lou <MNicholls@srcity.org>; Santos, Jen <JSantos@srcity.org>; Nutt, Jason <jnutt@srcity.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Public Comment for the Weds. 21 July Board of Community Services meeting.

Marsha and Duane,
Thank you for once again speaking up about the abuse taking place in our parks. This abuse must be stopped.
Carol Cranston

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 19, 2021, at 7:48 PM, Marsha Dupre <[REDACTED]> wrote:

I, too, am very concerned about this declining condition of our Southwest Community Park being a Public Health and Safety Hazard. Please enter my concurrence modeled on Duane De Witt's well-written statement and pl. copy the members of the Bd. of Community Services.
Thank You!
Marsha

Marsha Vas Dupre, Ph.D.
Former Santa Rosa City Council Vice Mayor, SRJC Trustee

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Community Services Board members:

Southwest Community Park is a Public Health Hazard. Not only because of COVID-19, but also due to public defecation and urination at the Northeast corner of the park. Daily, the alcohol drinkers who arrive at sun-up, if they did not stay the night, relieve themselves out in the open rather than using the Porta-pottie. The restrooms are locked. The Oak tree east of the parking lot is a gathering spot for the beer drinkers getting drunk until well after dark each day.

This behavior is in spite of rules posted, but never enforced by the city. The stink from one area at the bushes resembles a cesspool or open latrine. These drunks will not change their behavior until the city enforces ALL of the rules. The area is a breeding ground for insects, rodents and vermin now. Also, for untoward behavior by human visitors.

5 years of living near the park have seen it worsen as city police and park staff ignore the problems. When seeking to take pictures to show you, I have been threatened by the Marijuana dealers. I will try again soon to submit to you and have them filed with officials. Until then, please go and see for yourself at the northeast corner of the paved parking lot.

The drinkers will not walk over to the Porta-potties, so, when nature calls, they defecate and urinate on nature.

The city has been derelict in enforcing its own rules for years at the park before COVID -19 . Even some of the vendors who regularly visit the park to illegally sell their wares relieve themselves in the bushes. Some vendors are so brazen they set up a stand daily at the "No vendors" sign at the park entrance.

Please stop all of this illegal and unhealthy activity now. The daily drinking, gambling, and smoking of cigarettes and drugs makes this an unfriendly place for many families who now avoid the park altogether. Taxpayers deserve better. Many Santa Rosan's are fearful of Community Parks now and in Roseland would prefer Neighborhood Parks where NO drinking and drugging is allowed. Please clean this park up now and help our Neighborhoods to have peace and quiet now and into the future.

Duane De Witt & Marsha Vas Dupre



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**BOARD OF COMMUNITY SERVICES MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
Via ZOOM, SANTA ROSA, CA**

May 26, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Griffin at 4:03pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Chair Terri Griffin, Board Members Logan Pitts, Carolina Spence, Pamela Van Halsema, MaDonna Cruz and Steven Spillman

Absent: Chair Carole Quandt

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes from the April 28, 2021 meeting were approved as submitted.

5. REPORTS ON ACCOMPLISHED EVENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

A list of accomplished and upcoming events was distributed to the Board and made available to the public prior to the meeting. Deputy Director Jen Santos welcomed new Board Member Steven Spillman, highlighted the end of 'School of Rec' program, and alerted Board to upcoming Dutch Flohr Neighborhood Park community meeting.

6. DIRECTOR UPDATES

Deputy Director Santos announced that the current City Manager's last day is May 28. Interim City Manager is Jeff Kolin, former Santa Rosa City Manager. Water use must be reduced 20% but will not adversely affect parks. Budget hearing is scheduled for June 22. Council will re-visit PG&E settlement funds in mid-July. A nation-wide grant application for Martin Luther King, Jr. Neighborhood Park is going to Council June 8. Thirty applicants will be awarded.

7. SCHEDULED ITEMS

7.1 HOWARTH PARK

Recreation Coordinator Nicole Lowery will provide an overview of Howarth Park's seasonal activities and programs as well as how services can be offered during the pandemic.

Recommended Action: Information

Recreation Coordinator Nicole Lowery presented a synopsis of activities, amenities and accomplishments at Howarth Park in the last 2 years. Operations for K-Land, including train rides, carousel, bounce house, pony rides, animal barn and snack bar, and the boathouse, including boat rentals, boating classes, and camps, have various seasonal schedules. Park amenities include 138 acres, tennis courts,

pickleball courts, reservable picnic sites, Lake Ralphine, softball field, trails, climbing wall and playgrounds. Operations are managed by 1 Recreation Coordinator and 54 temporary employees. Park maintenance staff help support operations in the park. Howarth Park has an annual revenue goal of \$445K, but it may take 2 years to see the fulfillment of that goal post-COVID. Events held at Howarth Park include Fishing in the City, Fishing Derby, outdoor Movie Nights, and Halloween at Howarth. The boathouse opened in 2020 with safe distancing guidelines, although not all attractions were open. Upcoming operations in 2021 consist of the re-opening of the train and snack bar, carousel, animal barn and camps, and a new program called Reading Railroad, all respecting the COVID safety protocols. While many programs were placed on hold, including pony rides, jump house, movie nights and more, the boathouse did receive refurbishing, 4 new paddle boats, and a sanitizing fogger. A grant that was recently awarded will enable staff to purchase an electric motor for a rescue boat and will provide scholarships for some boating classes. The carousel was lowered for ease of access and a new ADA seat was added. The carousel opening is targeted for June 12. Howarth Park has won many awards over the years and 2020 was no exception. The Press Democrat's "2020 Readers' Choice Awards" named Howarth Park as the "Best Place to Take Kids", the jewel of Santa Rosa! Lowery praised staff for their level of customer service and commitment to continue showing how "Parks Make Life Better".

Discussion ensued.

Public Comment: None

7.2 CREEKSIDE OPEN SPACE RENAMING

Park Planner Assistant Emily Ander will provide a presentation regarding the request by son-in-law Travis Berding to change the name of Creekside Open Space to Mary Traverso Open Space.

Recommended Action: Discussion and Recommendation

Park Planner Assistant Emily Ander provided a brief history of the renaming process of Creekside Open Space from the time of the original request in 2018 to where we are today. Ander reviewed park naming policy, procedure and objectives and reviewed merits of Mary M. Traverso in the community. Community feedback by means of community meetings, polls and online surveys reflected the majority of respondents in the southeast quadrant of the City and those responding City-wide felt Traverso's contributions met the policy guidelines and were in favor of changing the name of Creekside Open Space to Mary Traverso Open Space. Staff recommends either approving the name change or retaining the Creekside Open Space name until the City adopts an updated Park Naming Policy & Procedure. If the latter, the Traverso family may resubmit their request under the new policy. Next steps include Board of Community Services' recommendation to Council, Council review in the summer, and if approved, update City media with new name.

Board discussion followed.

Public Comment:

Travis Berding hopes that the Board will move forward, and Council will approve the renaming of Creekside Open Space to Mary Traverso Open Space.

Board Action:

Board Member Van Halsema moved to approve the name change from Creekside Open Space to Mary Traverso Open Space. Board Member Spence Seconded. Motion carried with 6 ayes.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Mayor's Lunch for Committee/Board Chairs

Recommended Action: Information

Chair Quandt absent-no report.

8.2 Santa Rosa Waterways Advisory Committee

Recommended Action: Information

Chair Quandt absent – no report.

Vice Chair Griffin asked Board Member Spence to report on the Merit Awards Committee. Spence reported the nominations are beginning to flow in. The public was encouraged to go online or pick up an application for this wonderful event. Deadline to submit applications is July 10.

9. WRITTEN AND/OR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

None

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

11. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Griffin adjourned the meeting at 5:20pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on June 23, 2021, at 4:00pm.



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UPCOMING AND ACCOMPLISHED EVENTS for BOCS July 28, 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Aug 4 – Fall Softball Registration for begins and runs through Aug 20. Men’s and Coed league play takes place at Northwest Community Park. Season runs through October 22.
- Fall/Winter Registration starts on August 5. The Fall/Winter 2021 Activity Guide will still be produced as digital only, but staff will soon start preparations to resume the printed Activity Guide for the Spring/Summer of 2022.

ACCOMPLISHED EVENTS:

- **Measure M – Parks for All Community Outreach Meeting in Spanish**
On June 24, 2021 the Park Planning Team held its first community meeting entirely in Spanish. The meeting was hosted by Tahuichi F.C. Youth Soccer Program and LandPaths and had 82 participants. The Measure M Community Survey was reopened from 6/24 – 8/2.
- **Per Capita Grant for South Davis Neighborhood Park Playground Revitalization**
On June 29, 2021 City Council approved Park Planning’s request to spend Santa Rosa’s 2020 Per Capita Grant Program funds, in the amount of \$285,291, to reach out to the South Davis community and revitalize the playground area at South Davis Neighborhood Park. The project must be completed by December 31, 2023.
- July 6 New summer camp opened at the Apple Valley Rec Center. The program will run through Friday, July 30th.
- Beginning July 19, the Senior Centers will be offering 59 daily events (not all 59 are offered each day). More events will be starting September 1st at the Steele Lane Community Center. We are very excited having our Senior coming back to our Centers.
- Our Annual Handmade Holiday Crafts Fair will be resuming this year on December 4,5 and all applications to reserve a space were required by July 16.
- Volunteer Program has resumed permitting some group volunteer projects. We had a landscape clean-up at Steele Lane Community Center and have a new ongoing group for DeMeo Park.
- Park Permits have been busy since the lifting of restrictions. 62 Park Permits have been issued or are in process since June 15.
- Contract Instructor programs have had a very successful return this summer with 1,355 registrations for summer camps and classes.



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Traditional Day Camps And Work Experience Program for Teens

Board of Community Services
July 28, 2021



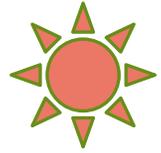
TRADITIONAL DAY CAMPS



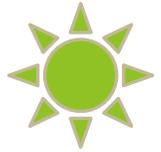
Traditional Summer Day Camps



Wa-Tam - held in Howarth Park, 1100 kids



Yu-Chi - held in Youth Park, 440 kids



Doyle - held in Doyle Park, 440 kids



Camp Wa-Tam

- ▶ 130 Campers, 19 Staff, 40 Vols/week
- ▶ M-F, Overnight Thursday Nights.
- ▶ Extended hours available M-W for working parents in the afternoon.
- ▶ Songs, Skits, Games, Crafts, Canoeing, Archery and Swimming
- ▶ Swimming at Spring Lake and Special Guests
- ▶ Parent's Night Program



Doyle Adventure Camp

-60 Campers, 11 Staff, 16 Vols/week

-M-F, 10:30am-5pm, With Extended Hours Available. (7:45am-5:00pm)

-Songs, Skits, Games, Crafts, Canoeing, Archery and Swimming

-2 swims at Ridgway

-Utilizes and educated on Citibus transit system!

-Field Trips and Special Guests!



Camp Yu-Chi

- 60 Campers, 11 Staff, 16 Vols/week
- M-F, 10:30am-5pm, With Extended Hours Available (7:45am-5:00pm)
- Songs, Skits, Games, Crafts, Archery and Swimming
- 2 swims at Finley
- Field Trips and Special Guests!



DAY CAMPS UNDER COVID 2020/21

REGULAR PROGRAMING CANCELLED

-Created “Summer Daze” programs which followed COVID guidelines -

**Summer Daze at Camp Wa-Tam, Camp Yu-chi and Steele Lane*

-Reduced enrollment (75 and 60)

-Masks

-Altered activities

-Stringent cleaning protocols

-Social Distancing

-Full all summer with waitlists!

Programming Challenges:

- Limited support from maintenance because of staffing reductions*
- Constantly changing and ambiguous COVID guidelines*
- Dealing with COVID exposures with participants and staff*
- Masking Complaints*
- Increase in displaced persons*
- Aging Infrastructure*

Survey Monkey Results/Highlights

2019 CAMPS (297 Responses)

- 98% would recommend to another family*
- 97% said the program was “good” or “great”*
- 98% Rated their camp staff as “great”*
- 97% Felt camps programs were appropriately priced*



WORK EXPERIENCE

WHAT IS WORK EXPERIENCE?

For Teens, ages
13-17

Pay a \$100 Fee

Volunteer 60-300
hours! (annually
30,000!!)

Stay Out of
Trouble

Positive role
models

Application,
Interview and
Job Experience!

Beat back the
~~CATCH 22~~ of
getting your first
job!

Purpose of the Work Experience Program

- ▶ Gain experience filling out an application
- ▶ Mentored practice in the interview process
- ▶ Provide on the spot feedback during the summer on how to improve skills
- ▶ Learn the value of giving back to the community
- ▶ Earn community service hours which satisfy school volunteer requirements and scholarship applications

Purpose of the program

Continued...

- ▶ Learn valuable skills in your specific work area
- ▶ Customer service skills
- ▶ Handling money
- ▶ Pool and deck supervision and safety skills
- ▶ Positive discipline with camper skills
- ▶ Practice and planning activities
- ▶ Valuable work experience that will look **AWESOME** on any application

WHO BENEFITS
FROM WORK
EXPERIENCE!?

IT IS A.....

WIN!

WIN!!

WIN!!!

Situation...

PARENTS WIN!

KIDS WIN!!

**Santa Rosa Recreation and Parks
PROGRAMS WIN!!!**

STEPS IN THE WORK EXPERIENCE PROCESS

1. APPLY

For Office Use Only
 Receipt # _____
 Date _____
 PCD _____

Santa Rosa Recreation & Parks Department
WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM APPLICATION
Due By Friday, April 4, 2014

Please refer to the "Work Experience Program" flyer for specific details and requirements of each program. Applicants should fill out the application themselves, and please print clearly in pen.

Applicant's Last Name: _____ First: _____ MI: _____
 Your Parent's Last Name: _____ First: _____ MI: _____
 Address: _____ E-Mail: _____
 2nd E-Mail: _____
 City: _____ ST: _____ ZIP Code: _____ Resident Non-Resident
 Phone: Office _____ (Work) _____ (Emergency) _____
 Date of Birth: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ Course ID: 80001674

Shirt Size: _____ (Adult Small, Medium, Large, X-Large, XX-Large)

Fees: \$90.00 Registration (This fee includes training, admission to field trips and 1 volunteer work shirt - additional shirts may be available at ORIENTATION on May 9th for \$3.00 each)
 \$20.00 sweatshirt (optional) Size _____ (Sweatshirts must be pre-paid at the time of registration and WILL NOT be available for sale after May 9th)

Total Paid: _____

Did you participate in the Work Experience program last year? Yes No
 If yes, which program area? _____ Was this program your 1st Choice? Yes No

Rank the program below that you would be interested in by order of preference using (1) as your first choice (2) as your second choice, etc. Many program areas are limited to the number of Work Experience participants they can take. (We cannot guarantee that you will be accepted into your first choice, so please indicate a second and third choice.) If no additional choices are marked, you may be placed in what is available or be declined as a program participant. For more information on these Work Experience program areas, please see the orange Work Experience flyer or the Activity Guide, or visit www.santarosarecreation.com

Camps	Sports	Aquatics	Howarth Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Camp Wa-Tan	<input type="checkbox"/> Sports Clinic CIT*	<input type="checkbox"/> Baby Concession Aides	<input type="checkbox"/> Animal Care
<input type="checkbox"/> David Camp		<input type="checkbox"/> Baby Swim Aide	<input type="checkbox"/> Amusement
<input type="checkbox"/> Camp Yu Chi		<input type="checkbox"/> Baby Jr. Lifeguard**	<input type="checkbox"/> Area Assistant
		<input type="checkbox"/> Ridgey Concession Aides	<input type="checkbox"/> Area Assistant
		<input type="checkbox"/> Ridgey Jr. Lifeguard**	<input type="checkbox"/> Boat House Assistant
		<input type="checkbox"/> Ridgey Swim Aide	

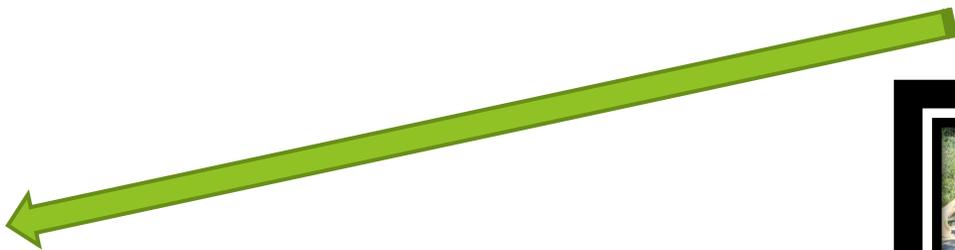
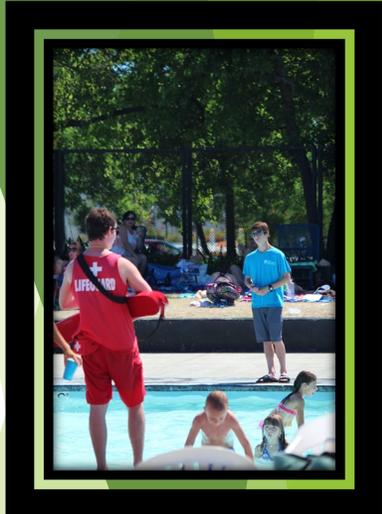
*For Sports programs, a "CIT" is "Coach in Training"
 **Junior Lifeguard applicants must complete a Level 3 Lifeguard Program or have successfully completed the Open Water Junior Lifeguard course offered by the Sonoma County Regional Parks Department in 9/09/14



2. INTERVIEW



3. PLACEMENT



4. ORIENTATION



5. TRAINING



▶ WHAT KIND OF
PROGRAMS
DOES
WORK EXPERIENCE
OFFER?

Camp Wa-Tam



Doyle Adventure Camp



Camp Yu-Chi



Aquatics Swim Aides



Aquatics Jr. Lifeguard



Neighborhood Services LITs!



Howarth





Howarth Concessions

Howarth Boathouse



Howarth Animal Barn



WORK EXPERIENCE UNDER COVID

REGULAR PROGRAM CANCELLED 2020, 2021

- Recruited 31 “Veteran” volunteers (down from 220)*
- Worked at Summer Daze Programs only (Summer Daze Steele, Summer Daze Wa-Tam)*
- Monday-Thursday, four 10 hour days.*
- Participants not charged a program fee and not charged for extra uniform*

BACK IN 2022 !!!!

Work Experience Program Challenges

- Frustrated parents and former campers who were excited for the regular program.*
- Running camps with reduced supervision, greater strain on staff.*
- Dealing with COVID exposures with participants and staff.*

Additional Challenges in Programming Camps and Work Experience

- Displaced Citizens*
- Funding Minimum Wage*
- Climate Change*
- Aging Infrastructure*

Survey Monkey Results/Highlights

2019 WORK EXPERIENCE (80 Responses)

-100% said their teen benefitted from the program

-100% would recommend to another family

-99% said the program was good or excellent

-97% Rated their registration experience as good or great

-99% enjoyed the program

QUESTIONS?



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What's Upcoming

Oktoberfest

Come celebrate autumn at the annual Oktoberfest featuring a BBQ lunch with brats and non-alcohol beverages. Enjoy live accordion and polka dance music performed by Steve Balich.

Friday, September 17 12-1:30pm

Finley Center Courtyard

\$6 members, \$10 non-members (Seniors 50+)

Pre-registration required

Upcoming Trips

Now booking for 2021 & 2022! Call 877-953-8687 or pick-up a fliers at the senior centers.

Premier World Discovery presents:

- New Orleans Holiday – Dec 5, 2021
- Arizona Desert Escape – Feb 27, 2022
- Magnolia Trail & Heart Of Texas – April 23, 2022
- Utah's Mighty National Parks By Rail – June 16, 2022
- Landscapes & Lighthouses Of Coastal Maine - August 13, 2022
- A Culinary Journey Through Tuscany – October 18, 2022
- Vienna & Christmas Markets Of The Danube – November 28, 2022

City of Santa Rosa
RECREATION & PARKS
July/Aug/Sept 2021

Zest for Life

NEWS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE 50+ COMMUNITY

Person Senior Wing • 2060 W. College Ave, Santa Rosa, CA 95401 • 707-543-3745
Steele Lane Recreation Center • 415 Steele Lane, Santa Rosa, CA 95403 • 707-543-3282 Ext 1

SantaRosaRec.com

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Welcome Back, We've Missed You!

Senior Centers Now Opening in Phases

As we reopen our recreation facilities and discover our way forward as a community amid this pandemic, we look forward to welcoming you back to the City of Santa Rosa's Person Senior Wing and Steele Lane Community Center! Your two senior centers are important resources for healthy aging, helping you to stay active and independent. While making care calls during the closure, we heard how much you missed your favorite activities and seeing your friends. Now (finally!), the day has come when we can safely reopen in phases, and we look forward to offering a full schedule of activities soon. See page two for a detailed reopening schedule, and please plan to join us!

Thanks for Staying Close During Time Apart



We are so grateful for the ways we connected during the past year! It's amazing how masked faces with smiling eyes at a drive-thru event can brighten the day! We loved seeing you at Caravan to Candyland, where the School of Rec kids were our greeters and seniors spun the wheel for prizes. To celebrate the Kentucky Derby, we enjoyed serving you a generously donated Chick-Fil-a lunch on a beautiful spring day, and seeing your festive hats! Car Bingo at Franklin Park was also a fun way to stay in touch. We offer thanks to Safeway, Pacifica Senior Living, Cold Stone Creamery, and Santa Rosa Water for their donations. Most of all, we say thank YOU to our senior community for your strength and resilience during such a difficult time.

Mark Your Calendar

PSW = Person Senior Wing
STL = Steele Lane Center

JULY

- July 5 Independence Day, Centers Closed
- July 23 Dance, SwingSet, Finley*
- July 30 Dance, Steve Luther, Finley*

AUGUST

- Aug 6 Dance, Tom Shader Trio, Finley*
- Aug 13 Dance, Carl Green Band, Finley*
- Aug 20 Hawaii Day Dance, Steve Luther, Finley*
- Aug 27 Dance, SwingSet, Finley*

SEPTEMBER

- Sep 3 Dance, Tom Shader Trio, Finley*
- Sep 6 Labor Day, Centers Closed
- Sep 10 Dance, Carl Green Band, Finley*
- Sep 17 Oktoberfest, Finley Courtyard*
- Sep 17 Dance, Steve Luther, Finley*
- Sep 24 Dance, SwingSet, Finley*

*Pre-registration required

New Activity Spotlight

Legal Consultations

Attorney: Roy Johnston
Person Senior Wing/Rm28
4th Thu, (7/22) 3rd Thu, (8/19, 9/16)

FREE members, \$5 non-members (Seniors 50+)
Pre-registration required

Dementia Caregivers Support Group

Instructor: Susan Kay Gilbert M.A. Edu
Person Senior Wing/Rm28
Wed, 10:30-12pm \$5.50 members, \$6 non-members

Pre-registration required

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Activity Spotlight

Balance with Jae

Some groups continued to meet online and outside during the pandemic including Balance with Jae. Students missed class and each other so much they began meeting in a park. Balance with Jae at Person Senior Wing begins July 6.

Common Ground Dog Training with Mike Ossenbeck

Held outside in the Finley Courtyard, Mike's dog training classes have continued, helping many "COVID puppies" and their owners to bond for a happier shelter-in-place experience. Summer classes are booking up but check back in early August at SantaRosaRec.com for the fall and winter schedule.

Bingo

We had a lot of fun honking for Bingo during Car Bingo at Franklin Park this past year! Now Bingo is back at Steele Lane Community Center in the larger auditorium to accommodate COVID protocols. No food/drink; facial coverings and pre-registration required.

Community Center News

Person Senior Wing Phased Reopening Schedule

All current phased reopening activities are located at Person Senior Wing except Billiards and Bingo, which are at Steele Lane Community Center. Additional senior activities will resume at Steele Lane in August. Activities are subject to change.

Phase 1 Activities – June 21 – July 2, 2021:

Needlecraft
Hand & Foot Cards
Dementia Caregivers
Mah Jong
Seven Cards (1st & 3rd Thu)
*Pre-registration required

Duplicate Bridge (exp.)
Spanish
Party Bridge (exp.)
On the Ball*
Billiards at Steele Lane*

Computer Lab
Pedro (exp.)
Pinochle exp.
Scrabble
Bingo at Steele Lane*

Phase 2 Activities – July 6 - 16, 2021:

Ukulele – Bill's Beginners
Balance – Jae
Yoga – Donna
Ukulele – James (exp.)
Legal Consultation - Roy (3rd Thur)
Photography (1st & 2nd Tue)
Watercolor Studio

Brand New to Uke (2nd & 4th Mon)
Pilates – Jae
Ping Pong (beg. & inter. & adv.)
Chair Volleyball – Jae
Tai Chi
Book Club (2nd Mon)

Phase 3 Activities – July 19 - 23, 2021:

Boomer Blast Fitness – Gloria
Line Dance Jam – Barbara (high beg.)
Line Dance – Barbara (new beg.)
Line D. Improver - Barbara (high beg.)
Barely Beginning Uke (1st, 3rd, 5th Mon)
*Pre-registration required

Zumba Gold – Jill
Zumba Basics – Gloria
Ballroom Dance*

Full Reopening – August 2, 2021:

All activities above and Zumba Basics with Gloria.
More senior activities will resume at Steele Community Center in August.

Some Previous Drop-In Programs Now Require Pre-Registration

While many activities are still available on a drop-in basis, some are changing to require pre-registration and you will need to have a client account to register online. Please call the senior center if you need assistance. Also, weekly computer lab sessions are available where you can learn more about how to register for activities online.

See What's Available and Register at: SantaRosaRec.com

Click on Programs & Events, then click on Active Adults

