

BOARD OF COMMUNITY SERVICES MEETING – DECEMBER 9, 2020

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Respect – Protect - Play Safe campaign began to educate the community about the Sonoma County Health Order regarding use of sports fields. Sports team competitions, games, spectators and gatherings on or around sports fields are a violation of the current Health Order. These activities are more likely to contribute to the spread of the COVID-19 – putting individuals, families and our whole community at risk. The police, community engagement, public information office and recreation are working together to address the problem. New signage has been posted on all fields, information sent out in City newsletter and social media posts, and Community Engagement partnered with La Plaza and Latino Service Providers to help get the word out by handing out flyers to teams, players and spectators on the weekends.

December 3 - Virtual Sports Community meeting regarding sports amenity priorities – hosted by Santa Rosa Youth Soccer League – 5:30pm

December 7 - Senior Center staff will be making holiday comfort calls to over 500 seniors beginning the week of 12/7

December 8 - Legends Restaurant Lease Termination Agreement at City Council for approval on consent – 4:00pm

December 8 - 'Measure M – Parks for All' financial update and review at Citizens Oversight Committee Virtual meeting – hosted by Sonoma County Parks – 5:00pm

December 12 - Cruisin' Down Candy Cane Lane
Recreation staff are currently working on a drive-through activity using the Finley Community Center parking lot. Will require pre-registration with space for 210 vehicles to register, drive-thru event down candy cane lane and through Santa's Workshop.

December 14 - A holiday card will be mailed to all Senior Center members the week of 12/14

December 17 - Colgan Creek Neighborhood Playground Replacement Virtual Community Meeting – 5:30pm

ACCOMPLISHED EVENTS:

October 24 -Halloween at Howarth Drive-Through
Over 1,500 kids participated. 30 sponsors partnered with Santa Rosa Recreation and Parks to provide this activity for free to the community.

October 27- City Council approved Professional Services Agreement with Plural of San Francisco to provide design, community outreach and construction documents for playground and fitness equipment improvements at Dutch Flohr Neighborhood Park

October 28- Coffey Park reopened to the neighborhood after a two-year fire recovery process

October 30 – Recreation hosted a *Caravan to Candyland* Halloween event for senior members. Over 60 cars and 100 seniors enjoyed this safe, socially distanced drive-through event. Some seniors dressed up themselves and enjoyed waving to the costumed youth from the *School of Rec* program, while waiting in their vehicle for a chance for staff to spin the game wheel to see what prize they would win. All seniors went home with a goodie bag which included candy, community donations of small gifts or gift cards. Many seniors expressed their appreciation for providing the activity and opportunity to get out. They especially loved seeing the kids in costume.

November 5- Virtual Community Meeting regarding the request to rename Creekside Open Space

November 10- Legends Restaurant at Bennett Valley Golf Course lease termination at City Council in Closed Session

November 21 - Thank A Hero, Be A Hero – Drive-Through Food Drive
Recreation collaborated with Redwood Empire Food Bank for a Food Drive. \$1,256 in monetary donations and 2,375 pounds of food were donated. Over 100 cars participated to drop off donations and thank you cards for essential workers. Rec and Parks will distribute cards to Police, Fire, Healthcare workers, Food Service Workers and Teachers. Video of cards being delivered will be produced and posted on City's Social Media.

School of Rec Distancing Learning Support program is continuing to run well with 120 children participating. They spend their mornings in school, and their afternoons participating in arts/crafts, games, and swimming once a week.

Volunteer Program –Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we are currently not recruiting or accepting proposals for new volunteer projects. We have, however, developed COVID-19 protocols and training for existing volunteer groups to resume work as follows:

- Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery Preservation Committee – sub committees have resumed maintenance of the Rural Cemetery
- United Flyers of Sonoma County – have resumed maintenance of the back lot at Youth Park for temporary Frisbee Golf Course
- Bennet Valley Vision – held their annual Fall clean up on November 14
- Rincon Valley Dog Park Volunteers – held their annual Fall maintenance on 10/17 and re-seeding on 11/21