

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

SUMMER END REPORT

➤ **General Staff Information:**

- Park and Recreation Department open every Thursday until 6:00 pm as of January 1, 2008
- Fulltime Recreation Employees: 10
- Part-time Recreation Employees: 211 (Up ~ 55 employees from last year)
- 23,917 Customers served during the 2007-2008 fiscal year.

➤ **UPDATE ON PARK PROJECTS:**

- **Hollytree Park Project: In-Progress** (attached example of project sheet)
 - Installed Concrete walkway and pad for new playground.
 - Installation of playground began this week.
- **Kingwood Park Project: In-Progress**
 - Installed Concrete Around the Perimeter
 - Installation of Bocce ball Courts, benches and ADA completed by the middle of October.
- **Happy Park Project: In-Progress**
 - Concrete work has begun this week.
 - Shade Structures are being built and sent by middle of September.
- **Park Master Plan: In Progress**
 - Completed rough draft of Chapter 6 for the General Plan and Submitted to Community Development for review.
 - In the next few months we will begin drafting the Facilities Master Plan and the Capital Facilities Plan. Finance is getting back to us on the projections of revenue from development (DIF Revenue).
- **Shanghai Water Feature: Complete**
- **Feather River Parkway: In Progress**
 - Purchase Agreement for the Cutter Property with Tim Hayes. Will be taking Agreement to Council in October or November.
 - Meeting with Marysville Park Commission next month to “sell” our project and get support [REDACTED]
 - Will be applying for second round of Grant Funding in November.
- **North Detention Pond: Future Project**
- **South Detention Pond: Future Project**

➤ RECREATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS:

○ YOUTH SPORTS AND CAMPS

- 1735 Summer Camp Participants
- 261 Basketball Participants
- 157 Teenagers participated in Football Drills and Skills
- **New Camps Offered**
 - Basic Art Camp – 42 participants
 - Gymnastics Camp – 35 participants
 - British Soccer Camp – 61 participants

○ ADULT SPORTS

- Summer Softball Teams
 - 39 Men's Teams
 - 29 Co-ed Teams
 - 7 Senior Teams
 - 17 Weekend Softball Tournaments
- Summer Basketball Teams
 - 8 Men's Teams
 - 4 Women's Teams (new)

○ SENIOR CENTER

- **New Senior Singles Group:**
 - With a kick-off luncheon having 35 participants, we currently have 65 seniors involved with monthly social functions.
- **Education Workshops:**
 - **“How Will You Live in the Future”** workshop discussed—Levels of Care. Excellent speakers presented all aspects of care from in home assistance to full care in a facility. Those attending were given the necessary information needed to make educated decisions about their family members care.
 - In conjunction with Area 4 Agency on Aging, a hands on workshop called **“Live Strong and Safe”** was offered with 40 seniors attending. Participants were taught exercises, given stretch bands and additional information to take home so they could continue exercises.
 - A **Town Hall** meeting in July was open to the public and had 40 participants attend. Questionnaires were distributed with topics of interest to current and future needs of seniors. Once the questionnaires were totaled, each topic was discussed by the audience and the staff panel. The Town Hall meeting was part of Area 4 Agency on Aging requirement to perform a needs assessment in each community receiving their funds.

▪ **Senior Trips “On the Road”:**

- **“Trains of the Colorado Rockies”** was a trip that 8 participants took this July. We also have 14 participants getting ready to see the **“New England Back Roads and Fall Foliage”** this October. Our extended tours continue to grow and many travelers are repeat customers.
The City sponsored **8 day trips this summer**, with several new trips planned for this fall.

▪ **Partnerships:**

- The **Yuba City Rotary Club** sponsored their Annual Summer BBQ. They cooked and served the best hamburgers to 50 plus seniors.
- With the Partnerships of **Sutter North Medical Foundation** and the **Sutter County Health Department**, the new Walk’n the Park program not only features monthly educational meetings (Dr. Gabhart, who discussed foot care and proper type of foot ware for walking and a “Fitness Test” to measure their physical endurance) but the 35 walkers have walked **1,003.95 miles** and **2,281,614 steps** since June 2, 2008.

○ **AQUATICS:**

▪ **Open Swim:**

- Between 5/3/08 and 8/18/08 a total of 51,300 people have attended.

▪ **Birthday Splash Bash:**

- A total of 69 people have held their birthdays at Gauche Aquatic Park. Parties include a party hostess, cake, ice cream, lemonade, party supplies, a t-shirt, and admission into the waterpark.

▪ **Swim Lessons:**

- A total of 1,051 6 month to 15 year olds participated in Group, Private and Semi-Private Swim Lessons

▪ **Beginning Adult Swim Lesson:**

- This year was the first time Adult Swim Lessons were offered. 19 participants attended weekend lessons that ran for 50 minutes per day for 2 weekends.

▪ **Master Swim:**

- Masters Swimming is a program in which participants are coached at their level of fitness. Some people are training for tri-athelons while others are just swimming for fitness. So far this year, 103 people have registered for this program which is offered 3 times per day.

- **Lap/Water Walking:**
 - Lap/Water Walking has had 104 participants register this year. Participants individually swim laps and/or participate in Water Walking. Sessions are offered 3 times per day for this program, giving individuals a chance to fit it into their schedule.
- **Park Reservations:**
 - Over 204 various companies, reunions, birthdays and other events have reserved the “rentable” areas this summer. Many have had their picnic in the park and then participated in Open Swim sessions.
- **Feather River Aquatic Club & YCUSD:**
 - Yuba City Unified School District and the Feather River Aquatics Club (FRAC) have contracted with the City to utilize the pool to offer High School Swimming and a Recreational Swim Team, respectively. The High School (s) had approximately 60 swimmers while FRAC is boasting over 100 swimmers currently.
- **Staffing:**
 - Over 65 employees on staff during the summer. Staff’s jobs ranged from Lifeguards, Swim Lesson Instructors, Party Hostess, Concession Worker, Front Desk Employees and Managers.
- **Continuous Training and Monitoring of Lifeguards:**
 - This year, with the opening of a water park, we switched from Red Cross to Ellis & Associates to certify our lifeguards. As part of the certification, Ellis and Associates visits the facility 4 times per year, twice in the off season and twice during the summer. They “secretly” video tape staff for professionalism, check paperwork to make sure that all reporting is in proper order and then run several emergency scenarios on staff to make sure that they are qualified. When Ellis came in June we were rated “Meets Expectation” and in August we were rated “Exceeds Expectations”. Both Management and Staff like Ellis and Associates training and expectations and are pleased to be using this system.
- **Aquatics International Magazine**
 - Aquatics International is an aquatics magazine for professionals in facility management, products and services. Gauche Aquatic Park was featured on the cover of the magazine as one of the “2008 Dream Designs”. Not only were we featured on the cover, we also received 3 pages inside the magazine highlighting the facility.
- **100 Songs of Summer**
 - The Concerts in the Park program was revamped this year and moved from Sunday nights at City Hall to Thursday nights at Gauche Park. It was also renamed 100 Songs of Summer, to add to the festivities of the Centennial Celebration. We have had 3 of 4 concerts and they have been very well received by the public, with 300 to 400 people attending. Additionally, we have had several arts and craft vendors, a bread company and a fruit vendor set up during the concerts, adding to the ambiance of the event. Also new this year we inviting non-profit groups to barbecue and serve dinner as a fundraising project. Feather River Aquatics, Yuba City and Marysville Rotary and Yuba City Morning Kiwanis clubs have all participated.

➤ 2 Week Forecast:

- **100 Songs of Summer**
 - Whitewater Blues Band will be performing, Thursday, August 21st at Gauche Park. Feather River Aquatics will be barbecuing dinner and various arts and craft vendors will be set up selling their wares.
- **Best of the Best**
 - The Appeal Democrat has announced that Gauche Aquatic Park has been voted the “Best Place for Kids” in the Yuba Sutter Area and that Gauche Park was voted in the top three for the “Best Park” in the Yuba-Sutter Area.
- **Deadlines for Youth Sports Sign-Up:**
 - September 4th: Youth Flag Football
 - September 4th: Mighty Mite Flag Football
- **After School Programs Starting Up:**
 - In partnering up with Gray Avenue Middle School, Park Avenue School, Bridge Street School, April Lane School and AK Middle School; the Park & Recreation Department will begin implementing their after school programs next week.
- **Fall Softball Teams:**
 - 35 Men’s Teams
 - 28 Co-ed Teams
 - 7 Senior Teams