

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

Pursuant to Section 54954.2 of the Government Code of the State of California, a Regular meeting of the **PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION** is hereby called for:

Date/Time: **Thursday, April 4, 2013, 7:00 p.m.**
(or as soon thereafter as possible)

Location: **City Hall Council Chambers**
333 Civic Center Plaza, Tracy

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MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Items from the Audience – *In accordance with Procedures for Preparation, Posting and Distribution of Agendas and the Conduct of Public Meetings, adopted by Resolution 2008-140, any item not on the agenda brought up by the public at a meeting, shall be automatically referred to staff. If staff is not able to resolve the matter satisfactorily, the member of the public may request a Commission Member to sponsor the item for discussion at a future meeting.*
4. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting – March 7, 2013
5. Correspondence
6. Old Business:
 - a. Update Commission Goals for Fiscal Year 12/13 & 13/14
7. New Business:
 - a. Review and Approve Staff's Recommendation Regarding No Policy Changes for the Financial Aid Program for FY 13/14
8. Items from Staff:
 - a. Recreation Division Report
 - i. Upcoming Events and Programs
 - b. Public Works Parks Maintenance Division Report
 - c. Community Facilities Report
 - d. Director Report
 - i. Projects Update
9. Items from the Commission
10. Items from the Audience

11. Adjournment to next meeting on May 2, 2013

POSTED: March 28, 2013

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**PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 7, 2013**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner Jimenez called the meeting to order 7:00 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL:**

- a. Present: Commissioner Jimenez; Commissioner Birk; Commissioner Foley; Commissioner Gouveia; Commissioner Holguin; Commissioner Jayne; Commissioner Saltzman
- b. Absent:
- c. Staff Present: Rod Buchanan, Interim Director of Public Works; Vanessa Carrera, Management Analyst II
- d. Recorded By: Stephanie Garcia, Executive Assistant

3. **ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** None

Deviation in agenda

4. **APPROVAL OF CDBG SUBCOMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES ON JANUARY 17, 2013**

- a. Motion: Commissioner Foley
- b. Second: Commissioner Holguin
- c. Abstain:
- d. Vote: Passed, 3 - 0

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES ON JANUARY 31, 2013

- a. Motion: Commissioner Gouveia made a motion to accept the minutes as adjusted with the following: Commissioner Saltzman gave a brief summary on the 2013 CDBG application review and recommendation process. The CDBG subcommittee followed the city's guidelines for reviewing, scoring and recommending funding allocations for various project categories. Commissioner Saltzman added that it is important for CDBG applicants fill out their grant documents completely and provide as much information as possible so that their funding requests are understood and scored accordingly. Commissioner Saltzman added that the CDBG subcommittee review meeting was done differently this year by allowing community representation; and suggested the meeting process be done differently next year.
- b. Second: Commissioner Holguin
- c. Abstain: Commissioner Foley, Commissioner Birk
- d. Vote: Passed

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES ON FEBRUARY 7, 2013

- a. Motion: Commissioner Foley
- b. Second: Commissioner Gouveia
- c. Abstain:
- d. Vote: Passed

5. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Commissioner Jimenez presented an email from Commissioner Foley issued on March 6, 2013. The email stated Commissioner Foley's resignation from the Parks and Community Services Commission, due to her relocation outside of the

Tracy City limits, effective April 1, 2013. Commissioner Jimenez wished her well and thanked her for being a part of the Parks Commission and a former City employee.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Update Commission Goals for Fiscal Year 12/13 & 13/14:** Staff provided updates on the following topics:

2.1.B.1. Research Park History and Post Park Information and Photos on City Website – The Parks and Community Services Department webpage will soon transition into two individual webpages for the Recreation Division and the Community Facilities Division. The Community Facilities Division page will contain information related to indoor and outdoor facility rentals, park amenities and sports fields, as well as information on the Parks Commission. It will also be linked to the Public Works Department webpage. Staff is in the process of outlining the information that is going to be included on the website. There will also be a single page that is devoted to park information and park history. Staff had scheduled a meeting with Mr. Hector Hernandez on February 19, 2012 to gather information from him regarding Tracy's sports history but he did not attend. Staff will contact Mr. Hernandez again and reschedule the meeting in March.

2.1.C.2. Tracy Press – Commission to Contribute Articles/Letters to the Editor. Staff summarized the response received from the Tracy Press Editor in Chief, Jon Mendelson, regarding Commission article submissions: Members of the Commission are free to submit letters to the editor, but it does not guarantee that the letters will be published. Re-occurring columns need to provide a clear theme or topic, but the Editor in Chief would need to be in agreement with it. If the Commission would like to provide the Tracy Press with information on special meetings or events, they may do so. Staff also added that the Commission needs to consider that the individual writing the article would be representing the full Commission and the City, and the ideas expressed may not be that of the Parks Commission or City of Tracy. It is acceptable for a Commissioner to submit a letter to the editor on their own behalf and not represent the Commission, but representing a greater governing body should be a topic of further discussion. Commissioner Jimenez, apart from being a Commissioner, has submitted several letters to the editor that have been published. However in these letters she speaks as an individual on a topic that doesn't relate to Parks and Community Service. She encouraged the Commission to continue to submit as an individual if there is a topic they'd like to address. .

3.1.A. Implement the Pilot Camera Program. Staff recently readjusted the focus on the park camera to capture more activity in the general park area. Staff's next step is to create a park security camera informational flyer for residents of Yosemite Vista. The flyer will summarize what the Pilot Park Camera Program is, how to notify the City when the camera goes off or if neighbors suspect a criminal acts taking place at the park. Staff will also invite the Commission to view a simulation on how the camera works and how the surveillance is uploaded.

3.1.D.3. Develop Method for Accessing and Interpreting Park Crime Stats. Staff contacted the Police Department and was able to pull up park crime stats from 2012 calls for services. Staff will review and analyze the data provided, and provide a summary of the findings to the Commission. Commissioner Holguin would like to for Parks maintenance crews to gather feedback on park vandalism, graffiti, or criminal acts that they are witnessing.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Prioritize and Request Capital Improvement Projects to be Considered for Funding Support from the Tracy Friends for Parks, Recreation and Community Services Foundation:** Staff requested that the Parks Commission prioritize several parks related CIPs, under \$50,000, for consideration of funding support from the Parks Foundation. After the projects are ranked, the Commission Liaison will present the recommendations to the Parks Foundation at their next board meeting held on March 18, 2013. Staff added that the goal is to have the Parks Commission perform this exercise each year in order to prioritize smaller projects and express project funding needs to the Parks Foundation. The Foundation receives many funding requests from stakeholders in the community; therefore they may not be able to fully fund the proposed projects. Staff made a suggestion for a member of the Parks Commission and Parks Foundation to give a presentation to service clubs like Rotary on a particular jointly supported project for funding support.

Comments from the Audience: Robert Tanner – 1371 Rusher Street, Tracy – Small Dog Park. Mr. Tanner asked if there was money set aside as a donation from the Parks Foundation to create a new dog park within the City limits. Staff stated that there is an existing CIP for a new dog park that is funded through past developer impact fees. However, this funding cannot be used to restore or repair an existing dog park. Mr. Tanner asked why the Fish Pond CIP with an expense of \$130,000 was on the list when the cap was \$50,000. He also asked if staff is currently looking into a grant for the project. Staff stated that if the City does receive a grant, it would require a 10% match on the City's part. Staff is in the process of applying for different grants for the project; the cost of the City's match would be roughly \$13,000 – \$15,000, which is under \$50,000.

Terry Clemens – 1116 Rusher Street, Tracy. Mr. Clemens spoke on the Small Dog Park project. He knows that there are other projects being considered, but knows people who own small dogs and would like to have this project done. He feels that it is difficult to bring a smaller animal into an environment with larger dogs especially if the owners do not have control of their dogs. Mr. Clemens also thanked Rod Buchanan for responding to his email. He said Rod returned his email right away and felt that what he had to say was very important to him.

Mr. Clemens asked the Commission if this was the only meeting where concerned citizens could express their support for the Small Dog Park as it relates to the Commission's recommendations to the Parks Foundation. Commissioner Jimenez stated that Parks Commission will prioritize the projects during tonight's meeting and the recommendations will go before the Foundation.

The Commission selected the following four projects which are listed in no priority order:

McDonald Park – Handball Court	#78PP-140
Tracy Community Center Concrete Floor Resurfacing	#78PP-153c
El Pescadero Park – Small Dog Park Addition	#78PP-153d
Tracy Ball Park – Light Timer	#78PP-153a

Commissioner Jimenez asked staff if the Tracy Community Center concrete flooring can be replaced with something more durable other than concrete again since it is cracked. She added that laminate flooring might be a little more durable. Staff stated that laminate tile currently exists, with concrete underneath, and over the years it's been peeling back. In order to match the look with the main hall, staff recommends that the equipment room floors be resurfaced with concrete without the stain finish.

8. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

- a. Recreation Division Report:
 - i. Upcoming Events and Programs – Report is available in packet. March 20, 2013 – World Series Trophy Display will be inside the lobby at City Hall. The Recreation staff has met with various departments from Police, Fire, Streets, and Facilities to discuss the logistics for this event to have enough staff for crowd control. Commissioner Birk said the Breakfast Lions Club will be serving breakfast.
- b. Public Works Parks Maintenance Division Report: None to report at this time.
- c. Community Facilities Report: Vanessa provided an update on the Cricket Club Organizations. Meetings have taken place with The Tracy United Cricket Club and the Tracy Cricket Club to discuss field hours. Staff is doing their best to make sure both leagues have access to these fields. Tracy United missed the application period and staff provided them with several dates and they weren't interested. Staff is ensuring that an email blast is sent out to all the sports organizations for fields as they become available and the leagues can contact staff to reserve fields on a first-come first-serve basis. Staff was able to help out the Tracy Cricket Club with some dates that worked for them.

Commissioner Jimenez received clarification between the Tracy Cricket Club and the Tracy United on field allocations. Both respective clubs will reserve fields for themselves.

Handout: Staff shared the Parks and Community Services Commission 2013 Action Item List. This is the running action item list that allows staff to keep record of Commission action items that were presented at meetings. The report will be used to provide status updates to the Commission as well.

Facility Use Report: Staff stated that the sports season is picking back up, and since the weather is nicer more hours are being used out in the fields as well as at the park facilities. Revenue is at \$10,926 for the month of February, and the fiscal year projection is looking in the order of 200,000.

Commissioner Saltzman mentioned the touring of Legacy Fields on April 16th at 2:00 p.m. before the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony scheduled for 3:00 p.m.

- d. Director Report:
 - i. Projects Update - Rod shared that he attended the League of California Cities, Public Works Officers Institute conference in Pasadena and gave a

presentation on Legacy Fields. This project, over 15 years in the making, has come about by working together with the City Council, Commission, Staff, Legal, and the Sports Leagues, and it serves a model for other cities to emulate. The presentation was standing room only with an attendance of about 200. Rod will be presenting the same presentation at the CPRS Conference in San Jose.

9. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:

- Commissioner Gouveia gave an update on his sons Under 19 Soccer Team that recently competed in Las Vegas. The team played against a pro-team out of Germany. The countries that brought in teams were Poland, Britain, China, Germany, Mexico, Columbia, and Canada, to name a few. The group of young men came from San Joaquin to Stanislaus Counties which were hand selected. A total of 6,400 participated in the tournament. They played another tournament last week in Redwood City and ranked 7th in the State and 28th in the Nation. The two young men from Tracy started in TYSL and came up through the City's Parks and Recreation programs.
- Commissioner Saltzman congratulated Walter's son. She thanked Commissioner Foley and wished her well and thanked the audience for attending the meeting.
- Commissioner Birk stated that he is going to miss Tish terribly and added that she is the nicest lady that worked in the City of Tracy and to have her come on the board with the Commission was a good thing. He mentioned that the Sister City Association is having a dinner on Saturday and it is completely sold out. There are 10 kids that will be going to Japan in May.
- Commissioner Jayne said he will miss Tish but will see her again.
- Commissioner Holguin said he will miss Tish's bright smile and good sense of humor.
- Commissioner Jimenez was in attendance at the South Side Community Organization meeting last night. They are going to have their annual September 16th Festival. There was some confusion on the amount of monies due from the application they turned in to the Community Facilities Division. The organization outlined everything on the application and when they came to pay the fees it was different than what they were quoted. Staff ensured that they will contact the organization to clarify any questions or concerns they may have. Staff added that facility rental fees are subject to change until the rental application is finalized and reconciled. Commissioner Jimenez thanked Tish for her long service as a City staff member and her role as a Parks and Community Services Commissioner. She also stated that she will miss Tish and hopes to see her in the audience.
- Commissioner Gouveia gave Tish farewell words in Portuguese that translated to "thank you so much for your knowledge, your information, and your abilities for this community."

10. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

11. ADJOURNMENT:

- a. Motion: Commissioner Foley
- b. Second: Commissioner Holguin
- c. Vote: Unanimous
- d. Time: 8:14 p.m.

PARKS COMMISSION GOALS ~ FISCAL YEAR 2012/2013 & 2013/2014

Item	Goal	Key Focus Area	Objective	Action Steps	Completion Date	Status (Assignment)
1	SUPPORT EFFICIENT POLICIES ----- Review of Park Usage Policies, under the Commissions purview, in order to provide for a fair, transparent and efficient services.	1.1. Approve park and sport field rental policies	1.1.A. Review of existing policies, challenges and best practices	1.1.A.1. Meet with Sports Leagues to obtain feedback on Field Rental Policies	8/31/12	Done: Staff and Sub Committee
				1.1.A.2. Present update to Commission on Field Rental Policy Revision Process	10/4/12	Done: Staff
				1.1.A.3. Review and research best practices of other cities	10/15/12	Done: staff
				1.1.A.4. Prepare draft Field Rental Policies	April 2013	Staff
			1.1.B. Make usage/rental recommendations	1.1.B.1. Present revised field rental recommendations to sports leagues	May 2013	Staff and Sub Committee
				1.1.B.2. Approval of Field Rental Policies by PCS Commission	July 2013	Staff
				1.1.C. Issue new Field Rental Policy Handbook	July 2013	Staff
			1.1.C.1. Revise Field Rental Handbook and issue to leagues		July 2013	Staff
2	COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ----- Look at ways to get the word out; to make Commission more visible and accessible; to get feedback from community; and to widen participation keeping in mind current economic trends	2.1. OUTREACH	2.1.A. Volunteer opportunities and/or activities	2.1.A.1. Commission to participate with YAC for volunteer Park clean-up efforts in 2013	Event held on March 16th.	Staff and Commissioners
				2.1.A.2. Commission requests partnership with YAC to develop Tobacco Free Park initiative	August 2013	Staff and Commissioners
			2.1.B. Increase Access to Park Information	2.1.B.1. Research park history and post park information and photos on website	May 2013	Staff (In progress)
				2.1.B.2. ParksNReview Mobile Application	Completed	Staff
				2.1.B.3. Park locator map on City website	Completed	Staff
			2.1.C. Increase visibility of Commission	2.1.B.4. Presentation by Commission on outreach efforts and community resources to Council, neighborhood groups, service clubs, etc.	May 2013	PCS Commission - develop plan for outreach
				2.1.C.1. Identify venues where there are opportunities for marketing (events)	Ongoing	Staff and Commissioners
	2.1.C.2. Tracy Press - Commission to contribute articles/ letters to the editor	Completed	Commission			

PARKS COMMISSION GOALS ~ FISCAL YEAR 2012/2013 & 2013/2014

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3	PARK SAFETY ----- Encourage or enhance community and neighborhood support of parks	3.1. BRING CORRECTIVE ELEMENTS THE CITY CAN PROVIDE IN RESPONSE TO PARK ISSUES	3.1.A. Implement the pilot camera program	3.1.A.1. Support implementation of the pilot camera program	Completed	Done: Staff and Commissioners			
				3.1.A.2. Conduct neighborhood meeting on installation of park security camera	Completed	Staff			
				3.1.A.3. Install Park Security Camera and camera signage at Jim Raymond Park.	Completed	Staff			
				3.1.A.4. Receive quarterly reports on the effectiveness of pilot camera program and provide input for improvements and future camera site locations.	Quarterly	Staff			
				3.1.A.5. Support implementation of the ongoing pilot camera program based on program criteria.	Ongoing	Staff and Commissioners			
			3.1.B. Implement an Adopt a Park Program	3.1.B.1. Research successful Adopt-A-Park programs from other agencies, identify desirable program elements, and present to commission	Completed	Commission			
				3.1.B.2. Identify final program elements for program development.	June 2013	Staff and Commissioners			
				3.1.B.3. Identify commission roles and implement program	July 2013	Staff and Commissioners			
			3.1.C. Visit parks or other sites to identify issues and educate citizens	3.1.C.1. Focus efforts on parks that are generating Community Interest	Ongoing	Staff and Commissioners			
				3.1.D. Respond to park inquires	3.1.D.1. Complete response to items from Community meeting in Jim Raymond Park. 3.1.D.2. Report Back Meeting at Jim Raymond Park 3.1.D.3. Develop method for accessing and interpreting park crime stats	08/02/12 9/6/12 Completed	Done: Staff Done: Staff and Commissioners Staff has aquired data and needs to analyze/ summarize findings		
			3.1.E Implement the Park Watch Program	3.1.E.1. Determine desirable final program elements	July 2013	Staff and Commissioners			
				3.1.E.2. Review and support final program materials and signage	Aug 2013	Commission			
				3.1.E.3. Identify Commission desired roles and implement program	Sept 2013	Staff and Commissioners			
				PARKING LOT:					

CITY OF TRACY
PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING
April 4, 2013

AGENDA ITEM 7.a.

REQUEST

**REVIEW AND APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION REGARDING NO POLICY
CHANGES FOR THE FINANCIAL AID PROGRAM FOR FY 13/14**

DISCUSSION

Since 1998, the City of Tracy has provided Financial Assistance (FA) for qualifying low-income participants to participate in recreation programming. The Recreation Division currently administers the FA Program. Initially, the program was funded solely through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, but as grant funding support declined, General Fund dollars were appropriated by City Council to support the program. The purpose of the FA Program is to provide opportunities for families that meet the Federal income and family size requirements, the ability to participate in recreation programs that they otherwise could not afford.

Originally, the FA Program focused on children under 18 years of age and did not provide a funding cap for each child. Up until 2002, the only restriction on the use of CDBG funds was the State established income/family size scale. Once a household was qualified, participants were allowed to register in any course or activity with 100% of the fees subsidized for any class program that the Department offered. Within this structure, some families received more funds than others by simply registering for more activities or by placing their children into more Department programs.

In May 2002, the Parks and Community Services Commission approved Financial Assistance guidelines that limited each qualifying household to \$400 per child, per fiscal year, and limiting use of funds to children. These guidelines were established in order to distribute the finite funds in the most fair and equitable manner.

In July 2004, the Parks and Community Services Commission approved Financial Assistance guidelines that added seniors over the age of 62, as qualified recipients due to an increase in fee-based senior programming, as well as to encourage seniors to enroll in other activities/classes that the Parks and Recreation Department offered.

For FY 05/06, the CDBG allotments were reduced by City Council. Council authorized the use of General Fund dollars to supplement the difference.

During FY 07/08, the FA Program was expanded to include arts education programming offered at the Grand Theatre Center for the Arts.

In FY 08/09, FA funding became exhausted prior to the end of the Fiscal Year. With funds exhausted in March of 2009, prospective recipients were left to wait for financial aid support until the new fiscal year began in July 2009. The same predicament occurred in FY 09/10.

In order to elongate FA funding throughout the fiscal year and provide for more equitable distribution of funds to recipients, the Parks and Community Services Commission approved a policy in March 2010, limiting the maximum amount of FA funding to \$150 per recipient.

Current Policies for the FA Program are as follows:

1. *Participants must qualify under guidelines established by the Federal Government relative to the income/family size scale.*
2. *Each qualifying household can receive FA funds up to a maximum of \$150 per person per fiscal year, subject to the availability of funds.*
3. *Children are defined as being ages 17 and under. Seniors are defined as being ages 62 and over.*
4. *Families/participants must complete an application for qualification beginning July 1st through June 30th regardless of when they first received scholarship assistance.*

The FA Program cycle begins July 1st and ends June 30th of the following year. Each December, staff evaluates the remaining balance of the FA Fund to determine if any adjustments are merited through June 30th, with the goal of expending the full annual FA allocation available each fiscal year.

This is the third year of the new policy implementation which limits \$150 per recipient. The policy has accomplished its objective of allowing more families to participate in the FA Program. Staff proposes that the policies for the FA Program remain the same for FY 13/14, until December 2013 at which time staff will evaluate the remaining balance of the FA Fund to determine if any adjustments are merited through June 30, 2014.

Table 1 shows a history of the FA Program for the past 10 years, with the total dollars made available, the total amount utilized, and the number of recipients awarded for each fiscal year.

Fiscal Year	CDBG Fund	CDBG Carry Over	Other Sources	General Fund	Total Available	Total Spent	Balance +/-	Recipients
03/04	\$0	\$41,051	\$0	\$0	\$41,051	\$28,893	\$12,158	151
04/05	\$0	\$12,158	\$9,898	\$0	\$22,056	\$20,212	\$1,844	148
05/06	\$8,677	\$0	\$0	\$28,800	\$37,477	\$25,111	\$12,366	174
06/07	\$7,625	\$0	\$0	\$29,000	\$36,625	\$33,073	\$3,552	256
07/08	\$6,787	\$0	\$0	\$39,870	\$46,657	\$31,490	\$15,167	315
08/09	\$7,245	\$0	\$0	\$41,070	\$48,315	\$48,315	\$0	409
09/10	\$7,214	\$0	\$0	\$41,070	\$48,284	\$48,284	\$0	361
10/11	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$41,070	\$41,070	\$37,594	\$3,476	431
11/12	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$39,950	\$50	426
YTD 7/1/12- 1/31/13	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$41,070	\$41,070	\$34,715	\$6355	428

RECOMMENDATION

That the Commission review and approve staff's recommendation regarding no policy changes for the FA Program.

Prepared by: Laura Johnston, Recreation Coordinator

Reviewed by: Kim Scarlata, Recreation Manager
Vanessa Carrera, Management Analyst II

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AGENDA ITEM 8.a.

RECREATION DIVISION UPDATE

SPECIAL INTEREST CLASSES

By Laura Johnston

Forty-five classes were held this February, the most attended being the Just 4 Kicks Soccer program with 62 participants, KidSAFE with 37 participants and Ready, Set, Grow program with 26 participants. Enrollment in Special Interest Classes has risen 7½% since last year. In response to Yoga class participant feedback (class cost was too high, that their schedules were too busy, and that registering month after month was difficult) staff and the instructor developed a Yoga 10-Pass for \$75. Since its introduction, yoga's participation has increased. We currently have 31 enrolled in the various monthly programs and seven have purchased the Yoga 10-Pass.

A.S.P. - AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

By Laura Johnston

Participants celebrated Valentine's Day with small festivities including special heart-shaped snacks and themed art projects. Enrollment is on the rise with 78 enrolled, compared to 73 in January. Participation in the after school program has increased from an average of 68 per month in FY11/12 to 76 per month this FY 12/13.

A new art instruction program brought to us by Young Rembrandts, has begun at each site and will run through the end of March. Young Rembrandts' staff, visit each site once a week and teach the children how to create a piece of art work step-by-step.



YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

By Laura Johnston

Staff have finalized the themes and exotic locations for the Summer Explorers Day Camps "Trip Around the World." Each week campers will take their passports around the world and explore different foods, culture, music, art and dance. Themes and locations include;

- Viva Mexico! - Mexico
- Mama Mia! - Italy/Switzerland
- Walk like an Egyptian- Egypt
- Taj Mahal- India
- Konnichiwa! - Japan
- Kumusta- Philippines
- G'Day!- Australia
- Ice Ice Baby! - South Pole

TEEN DIVISION

By Laura Johnston

Teen staff including those from the Williams Middle School SAFE program, have begun planning for the Recreation Leader Training workshops to be held in April. They'll cover topics such as how to develop an art project for children, how to prepare snacks, and how to organize a group game. They'll also be mentored on how to act responsibly, how to stay safe and how to positive mentors to young children. The workshops take place over two Saturdays in April.

YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION

By Laura Johnston

Youth Commissioners held a park clean-up event March 16 at Hoyt Park. Commissioners and an employee group from Tracy's Target, sanded park benches and applied sealant. The Commission is preparing their Don't Text & Drive events for mid-April and early May, and planning a teen forum for late spring. They're also producing their first ever Public Service Announcement on volunteering in our community. Their PSA will be shown on Channel 26 and on the City's Youtube channel.

The Commission has confirmed their Don't Text & Drive events at four of the local high schools. Commissioners will have tables at each school where they will encourage their peers to change their behaviors when driving by pledging not to text while driving and providing them with helpful tools. The Commission will have a lot of helpful and fun tools to help remind them to be safe drivers such as thumblets, wrist bands for phones, and a Text No More phone app.

We begin recruiting new youth and adult commissioners this month through the end of April.

ATHLETICS

By Jolene Jauregui

Softball Leagues: The 2013 Spring Adult Softball season is officially underway. The season kicked off on Friday, February 22nd with the Men's Division. This season 3 new teams joined the Tracy Adult Softball League. There are 20 teams registered this season, with 12 teams in the Men's Division and 8 teams in the Coed League.



Youth Hoops: The Youth Hoops Basketball League ended the season on Saturday, February 16th with the final rounds of playoffs. There were a total of 28 teams and 229 participants that participated in the Youth Hoops Basketball program this season. All players and participants received a participation certificate, while trophies were awarded to the first and second place teams.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

By Jolene Jauregui

Update: The Giants Trophy Tour Stop was held on Wednesday, March 20, 2013 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. About 1,000 Giants fans came to view and take pictures with the 2010 and 2012 champion trophies. On the Dan Bilbrey Plaza, there was the Giants Memorabilia Truck, concessions provided by the Breakfasts Lions Club of Tracy, a children's activity area with face painting and glitter tattoos, tables with Jr. Giants information, and a drawing hosted by the City of Tracy for four tickets to a 2013 season.

Staff is preparing for the upcoming events:

April

- Legacy Fields Ribbon Cutting: April 16, 2013 from 3:00pm to 4:00pm at Tracy Blvd and Sugar Road.
- Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony: April 24, 2013 Volunteers from all City of Tracy departments will be invited to this event to be honored for their dedication and support of the community.

May

- Kentucky Derby: May 4, 2013 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm on the City Hall Plaza. This event is a partnership with the Noontime Rotary Club of Tracy.
- Cinco De Mayo Block Party: May 5, 2013 from 12:00pm to 3:00pm at the Downtown Plaza. The "Latin Essence" will be the entertainment for the event.
- Girls Night Out! Denim, Diamonds, and Divas: May 10, 2013 from 6:00pm to 10:00pm on the Downtown Plaza.

June

- Motown Soul Block Party: June 21, 2013 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm at the Downtown Plaza. Radio will be the entertainment for the evening.
- Movies on the Civic Center Plaza: June 28, 2013 from 6:30pm until the end of the movie. The presentation of Hotel Transylvania will be at sunset.

SENIORS

By Jolene Jauregui

During the month of February approximately 2,568 repeat seniors attended the Senior Center. Each week the Senior Center welcomes new participants into our programs.

During the month of February the Senior Fitness program had 767 repeat participants. A variety of fitness classes are offered Monday thru Friday. Our Fitness Classes incorporate various exercise equipment such as: fitness bands, recreational balls and weights. Many of the seniors enjoy the variety of classes that are offered weekly.

During the month of February the Senior Center served 302 hot lunches to seniors in the Tracy community. The amount of seniors wanting a hot lunch has increased in the past months but the San Joaquin County budget is currently reduced. We are hopeful our meals will increase. In addition, Meals on Wheels delivered 840 meals to homebound seniors in Tracy. Meals are delivered every Tuesday for a 7 day supply.

During the month of February, the Senior Center held their annual Valentine's Day Lunch and a Movie at the Grand Theater Center of the Arts. There were 98 participants for this event. A new Multi-Media class was introduced this month. Multi-Media offer seniors an opportunity to learn how to operate items such as cell phones and iPods. The Senior Center also began offering the annual AARP Tax Preparation every Monday.



TRACY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
COMMUNITY FACILITIES DIVISION

FACILITY USE REPORT:
March 2013

Hours of Use

User Class	TOTAL	Building & Room Rentals							Sports Field Rentals							
		Community Center	TSC Mtg Room	Civic Center	Senior Center	Tracy Transit Station	Mobile Stage	Special Events	Park & Picnic Rentals	Tracy Sports Complex	Placencia Fields	Tracy Ball Park	Bland Field	Galli Field	Veterans Fields	Tiago Fields
Commercial	56								40	16						
Private	148	22				25		25					66	10		
Non-Profit	1,575	97		6	13	132		31	514	157	278	114		103	131	
City	162	8		54		100										
PCS Dept	16			3				13								
Gov. Agency	0															
School District	262	11							200	51						
Total Hrs:	2,218	138	0	63	13	257	0	0	69	754	224	278	114	66	113	131
percent of total:		6%	0%	3%	1%	12%	0%	0%	3%	34%	10%	13%	5%	3%	5%	6%
Hours given FREE based on MOUs:	107	36.5			1.3	69.0										
	5%															
Monetary Value of FREE MOU Hours:	\$3,862	\$1,387			\$15	\$2,460										

Plus the cost of other city services (PD, FD, PW)

Fees Generated

User Class	TOTAL	Building & Room Rentals							Sports Field Rentals							
		Community Center	TSC Mtg Room	Civic Center	Senior Center	Tracy Transit Station	Mobile Stage	Special Events	Park & Picnic Rentals	Tracy Sports Complex	Placencia Fields	Tracy Ball Park	Bland Field	Galli Field	Veterans Fields	Tiago Fields
Commercial	\$2,880								\$1,920	\$960						
Private	\$4,099	\$1,579				\$1,163		665					\$512	\$180		
Non-Profit	\$12,305	\$2,256		\$106	\$156	\$1,491		367	\$3,050	\$1,579	\$1,482	\$648		\$515	\$655	
City	\$0															
PCS Dept	\$0															
Gov. Agency	\$0															
School District	\$2,205	\$638							\$1,000	\$567						
Total Rev:	\$21,489	\$4,473	\$0	\$106	\$156	\$2,654	\$0	\$0	\$1,032	\$5,970	\$3,106	\$1,482	\$648	\$512	\$695	\$655
percent of total:		21%	0%	0%	1%	12%	0%	0%	5%	28%	14%	7%	3%	2%	3%	3%

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Hours of Use

Year	TOTAL	Building & Room Rentals					Sports Field Rentals										
		Community Center	TSC Mtg Room	Civic Center	Senior Center	Tracy Transit Station	Mobile Stage	Street Events	Park & Picnic Rentals	Tracy Sports Complex	Placencia Fields	Tracy Ball Park	Bland Field	Gall Field	Veterans Fields	Tiago Fields	
2012	2,222	99	0	162	13	239	0	6	8	717	154	288	99	100	154	184	
2013	2,218	138	0	63	13	257	0	0	69	754	224	278	114	66	113	131	
Percent Difference:		0%	-8%	0%	22%	0%	-2%	0%	50%	-40%	-1%	-9%	1%	-4%	10%	8%	8%

Fees Generated

Year	TOTAL	Building & Room Rentals					Sports Field Rentals										
		Community Center	TSC Mtg Room	Civic Center	Senior Center	Tracy Transit Station	Mobile Stage	Special Events	Park & Picnic Rentals	Tracy Sports Complex	Placencia Fields	Tracy Ball Park	Bland Field	Gall Field	Veterans Fields	Tiago Fields	
2012	\$18,060	\$2,928	\$0	\$275	\$156	\$2,888	\$0	\$0	\$78	\$6,070	\$1,350	\$1,492	\$495	\$614	\$874	\$840	
2013	\$21,489	\$4,473	\$0	\$106	\$156	\$2,654	\$0	\$0	\$1,032	\$5,970	\$3,106	\$1,482	\$648	\$512	\$695	\$655	
Percent Difference:		-4%	-10%	0%	22%	0%	2%	0%	0%	-43%	0%	-20%	0%	-7%	5%	6%	6%