PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA

Thursday, September 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

SOUTH GATE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
8650 CALIFORNIA AVE
SOUTH GATE CA 90280

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING, YOU CAN PARTICIPATE VIA THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:

1. VIEW THE MEETING ONLINE AT: HTTPS://YOUTUBE.COM/@SOUTHGATECA90280
2. PARTICIPATE BEFORE THE MEETING BY EMAILING THE PARKS DIRECTOR AT SCOSTLEY@SOGATE.ORG NO LATER THAN 4:00 P.M. ON THE DAY OF THE MEETING. PLEASE WRITE "PUBLIC COMMENT" ON THE SUBJECT LINE.
3. ATTEND THE MEETING IN PERSON.

Officials

Chair: Alan Flores, II
Vice Chair: Lizette Ruiz
Secretary: Edgar Pelayo
Commissioner: Cynthia Esquivel
Commissioner: Alejandra Flores
Parks & Recreation Director: Steve Costley

Call to Order

Flag Salute

Roll Call

Meeting Compensation Disclosure

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54952.3: Disclosure of compensation for meeting attendance by the Parks & Recreation Commissioners is $75 per meeting.

Report on Posting

I, Ana Medina, Parks & Recreation Sr. Secretary, certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Meeting Agenda was properly posted on September 5, 2024 at 5:30 p.m., as required by law.

Ana Medina, Parks & Recreation Sr. Secretary

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 8, 2024
Recommended Motion: Motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Documents:

08-08-24 Minutes.pdf

Public Comment

During this time, members of the public or staff may address the Parks & Recreation Commission regarding any items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. Comments from the audience will be limited to three minutes per speaker; unless authorized by the Commission Chair, the time limit may not be extended by utilizing another member's time. There will be no debate or action on items not listed on the agenda unless authorized by law. NOTE: Obscene language, comments intended to disrupt or interfere with the progress of the meeting, or slanderous comments will not be tolerated and may result in ejection and/or may constitute a violation of South Gate Municipal Code Section 1.04.110.

Presentation

Open Session Items

1. REVIEW OF FY 2023/24 FEE WIVERS
Recommended Motion: Motion to receive and file and forward the attached report to City Council

Documents:

09-12-24 - ITEM 1 STAFF REPORT.pdf

2. REVIEW OF ANNUAL SPORTS AND AQUATICS DIVISIONS' REPORT
Recommended Motion: Motion to receive and file.

Documents:

09-12-24 - ITEM 2 STAFF REPORT.pdf

Director's Report/Calendar of Events

Parks & Recreation Commission Sub-Committee Reports

Request for Items on Future Agendas

Adjournment

Materials related to an item on the Agenda submitted to the Parks & Recreation Commission after distribution of the agenda packet, are available for public inspection in the City Clerk's Office, 8650 California Avenue, South Gate, California 90280. Telephone: 323.563.951 0, Fax: 323.563.5411, City website, www .cityofsouthgate.org

In compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in the Parks & Recreation Commission Meetings, please contact the Parks Administration office, 323.357.9645. Notification 48 hours prior to the Meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility.

CALL TO ORDER Vice Chair Ruiz called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE - by Secretary Pelayo

ROLL CALL - by Yodit Glaze, City Clerk
Present: Vice Chair Lizette Ruiz, Secretary Edgar Pelayo and Commissioners Cyntia Esquivel and Alejanda Flores. Chair Flores had an excused absence.
Staff: Director Steve Costley, Parks Superintendent Glenn Massey, and Recreation Manager James Markel.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 11, 2024
Recommended Motion: Motion to approve the minutes as presented
M/S/C: Secretary Pelayo/Commissioner Esquivel to approve the minutes as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Recognized: Leticia Vasquez Wilson, Representative the Central Water Basin, brought information regarding the Water Basin's water conservation efforts.

PRESENTATION
ORAL REPOR OF PARK SECURITY BY SG POLICE DEPARTMENT
Director Costley clarified that once a year the PD will come so that the Commissioners may ask any questions/concerns . Lt. Corella reported there have been no major issues at SG Park, police continue to do routine patrols; cite people smoking or smoking marijuana, The gambling is addressed as they come across it. They have been cited and they disburse but after while they return. Commissioner Esquivel noticed more drinking and marijuana at the outdoor basketball courts
Is it possible to get more patrolling? Lt. Corella is in contact with the Park Rangers and try to coordinate more patrolling but staff is limited. Vice Chair Ruiz stated that last year there was a stabbing at Hollydale Regional Park restroom have there been other significant incidents and if so, what is being done to curtail these issues. Director Costley said that after speaking with the PD it was decided to close the restrooms and only open for special events. Secretary Pelayo asked if the non-emergency Police Department number could be added to the signs; Parks Supt. Massey would look into it.

OPEN SESSION ITEMS

1. REVIEW OF RECREATION 4TH QUARTER REPORT FY 2023/24
Recommended Motion: Motion to receive and file.
M/S/C: Secretary Pelayo/Commissioner Flores
Recreation Mgr. Markel reviewed this item; a discussion ensued.

2. REVIEW OF GROUNDS & FACILITY MAINTENANCE 4TH QUARTER REPORT FY 2023/24
Recommended Motion: Motion to receive and file.
M/S/C: Commissioner Flores/Commissioner Esquivel
Parks Supt. Massey reviewed this item; a discussion ensued. Secretary Pelayo asked regarding the sprinklers what is the area that gets damaged more often; the different types of damages were explained by Parks Supt. Massey. Vice Chair Ruiz asked about flooding at the dog park; it was explained that it was a broken sprinkler that was flooding the area.

3. UPDATE ON PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT MAJOR PROJETS
Recommended Motion: Motion to receive and file.
M/S/C: Secretary Pelayo/ Vice Chair Ruiz
Director Costley spoke on the Auditorium roof project, the Boy Scout Huts, SG Park North Playground Resurfacing, Circle Park, Hollydale Community Park, SG Park Fence, Urban Orchard; Recreation Mgr. Markel spoke on the Sports Center/Swim Stadium projects. A discussion ensued. Secretary Pelayo

4. PROPOSED HALLOWEEN 2024 ACTIVITIES
Recommended Motion: Motion to accept the proposed activities.
M/S/C: Secretary Pelayo/Commissioner Flores
Recreation Mgr. Markel reviewed this item; a discussion ensued. Director Costley asked the Commissioners to participate by being the judges for the costume contests. Commissioner Flores asked if adults were included in the contest; staff will look into including adults. Vice Chair Ruiz voiced that she has enjoyed being a judge and looking forward to the new activities.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT / CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Director Costley: Final Concerts in the Park had 400 in attendance for the Mariachi Divas. Movies in the Park will begin with the movie Haunted Mansion. The Police Department Car Show will be held on September 29 at the Golf Course. The LA Philharmonic will be in the Auditorium on September 25.

Parks Supt. Massey: Summer is the busiest time with the special events and high use . Staff has begun the renovation of the soccer field at Hollydale Regional Park.

Recreation Mgr. Markel: The Fun Run had about 1,000 participants. Family Camp Night was very successful with all 25 spots sold out; great reviews on all the activities. Up coming special events, Zine Festival at the Art Gallery has begun; Movies in the Park has had close to 300 people and Tampico, Celsius, to name a few are giving away drinks.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS
Vice Chair Ruiz: Has Park attendance increased since Salt Lake Park in Huntington Park has had delays in their playground repairs; Director Costley replied that it's difficult to judge because we usually have a higher attendance in the summer.

Secretary Pelayo: None

Commissioner Esquivel: Asked if shade covers will be installed at Diamonds 9 & 10; Director Costley replied that at present there isn't any funding.

Commissioner Flores: None

REQUEST FOR ITEMS ON FUTURE AGENDAS - None

ADJOURNMENT - At 8:08 p.m. Vice Chair Ruiz asked for a motion to adjourn.
M/S/C: Secretary Pelayo/Commissioner Flores

Respectfully submitted:

_____

Edgar Pelayo, Secretary
Parks & Recreation Commission

City of South Gate

Parks & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting
September 12, 2024

STAFF REPORT ITEM No. 1

To: **Honorable Parks & Recreation Commission**
From: **Steve Costley, Parks & Recreation Director**
Date: **August 28, 2024**

Subject: **Annual Review of Fee Waivers FY 2022/23**

Recommended Motion: Motion to receive & file and forward the attached report to the City Council

Report Summary: The department's Fee Waiver policy requires that staff report quarterly to the Commission on all fee waivers that are approved as well as providing an annual summary report that will be forwarded to the City Council. The purpose of this report is to ensure that staff is implementing and interpreting the policy as intended, to provide feedback or clarify policy if needed and to allow the Commission and Council to monitor the impacts that these uses and the associated fees that are waived have on the overall budget and operation of the department.

Attached is a complete listing of the fee waivers that were approved during the past fiscal year. Please be aware that this list does not include non-fee use of city facilities by partner organizations such as the Junior Athletic Association or the Aquatics Swim Club as these uses are now covered under a separate policy. As requested by the Commission, staff has also included a summary of all facility use permits issued and the fees that were collected this past year for comparison.

The intent of our Park facilities is to benefit the community through the offering of programs and significant and beneficial events. The accommodation of paid, private events is a secondary function and should not interfere with the primary purpose. On this basis, staff believes that the figures provided show a healthy and appropriate use of our facilities and believes that the fee waivers being provided are within the intent of the policy provided.

Attachment: 1

:am

South Gate Parks and Recreation
Facility Rentals and Facility Fee Waiver Report

FISCAL YEAR 2023 / 2024

	Paid Permits	City Mtgs & Events	SG Schools	Clubs & P.Orgs	Misc Orgs	Totals		
Banquet Room	118	125	0	89	16	348		
Aud - Main Hall	28	38	3	12	27	108		
Azalea Room	2	26	0	0	1	29		
Civic Ctr Conf Rm	5	27	0	2	2	36		
Civic Ctr Main Hall	4	40	0	2	5	51		
GCH Main Hall	50	8	8	25	19	110		
GCH Room A	0	0	0	0	0	0		
GCH Room B	0	0	0	0	32	32		
Hollydale Reg Pk	49	0	0	0	5	54		
Sr Ctr Conf Rm	0	1	0	0	11	12		
Sr Ctr Main Hall	1	2	0	0	7	10		
SG Pk - BSA Huts	0	0	0	0	4	4		
Cook House	1	0	1	1	1	4		
Bandstand	4	0	0	1	1	6		
Picnic Areas (A-F, 1-4)	197	0	1	2	11	211		
Sp Center Gym	0	0	0	0	3	3		
Sp Ctr Bicent	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Pool Rentals	30	0	0	0	79	109		
Show Mobile	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Parking Lots	3	11	0	3	242	259		
Equestrian Ctr	0	0	0	0	13	13		
Ball Diamonds	23	0	7	5	160	195		
Totals:	515	278	20	142	639	1,594		
							0	
Grand Total:							$	-

July Fee Waivers

Group Name	Event	Room	Amount Waived
Rotary Club	Weekly Club Meetings	Bq Rm/Kit	**$400.00**
Domestic Violence (VIVA)	Weekly Support Group Meetings	Bq Rm	**$2,800.00**
SG Women's Club	Monthly Board Meetings	Aud - MH	**$1,600.00**
SG Women's Club	Monthly General Meetings	Aud - MH	**$1,600.00**
SG Youth Commission	Monthly Meetings	Civic - MH	**$348.00**
SG Kiwanis Club	Bi-weekly Meeting	Bq Rm	**$800.00**
SG Aquatics Club	Monthly Meeting	Bq Rm	**$400.00**
SG Public Works Dept.	Long Beach Blvd. Resurfacing Project	Civic - MH	$524.00
SG Youth Football & Cheer Inc.	Cheer Parent Meeting	Aud - MH	$2,258.00
SG Youth Football & Cheer Inc.	Uniform Fitting	Sr. Ctr -All	$2,165.25
Conservation of Long Beach	Staff Meeting	Aud - MH	$1,600.00
SG Administrative Services	Lieutenant Exam	Civic - CR	$198.75
SG Administrative Services	Lieutenant Exam	Azalea Rm	$851.50

SG Police Dept.	PMMA Meeting	Civic - CR	$159.00
SG Administrative Services	Lieutenant Exam	Civic - CR	$397.00
SG Police Dept.	Law Enforcement Meeting	Azalea Rm	$524.00
SG Administrative Services	Lower LA River Park District Update	Bq Rm	$400.00
SG Police Dept.	Explorer's Parent Orientation	Bq Rm	$400.00
Secretaria del Migrante en Michoacan	Family Reunification	GCH - MH	$1,039.00
Southeast Arts & Cultural Foundation	SELA Arts Festival	Hollydale Picnic Area	$692.00
SG Youth Football & Cheer Inc.	Kick-Off Breakfast	Area C/Cookhouse	$416.00

August Fee Waivers

Group Name	Event	Room	Amount Waived
Rotary Club	Weekly Club Meetings	Bq Rm/Kit	**$400.00**
Domestic Violence (VIVA)	Weekly Support Group Meetings	Bq Rm	**$2,800.00**
SG Women's Club	Monthly Board Meetings	Aud - MH	**$1,600.00**
SG Women's Club	Monthly General Meetings	Aud - MH	**$1,600.00**
SG Youth Commission	Monthly Meetings	Civic - MH	**$348.00**
SG Kiwanis Club	Bi-weekly Meeting	Bq Rm	**$800.00**
SG Aquatics Club	Monthly Meeting	Bq Rm	**$400.00**
San Gabriel & Lower LA Rivers Conservancy	Lower LA River Para Todos Community Kick off	Hollydale Park	$87.00
AYSO	Parent Meeting	Aud - MH	$1,600.00
SG Police Dept.	Police Officer Exam	Aud - MH	$2,000.00
SG Administrative Services Dept.	Police Captain Interviews	Civic - CR	$238.50
SG Administrative Services Dept.	Design Immunity Meeting	Civic - MH	$524.00
SG Administrative Services Dept.	Interviews	Civic - MH	$655.00
SG Police Dept.	Police Dept. Training	Civic - MH	$524.00
SG Police Dept.	Police Meeting	Civic - MH/CR	$683.00
Assembly Rules Committee	Citizenship Info. Session	AUD - MH	$2,095.00
SEIU	PMMA Union Meeting	Civic - CR	$159.00
SG Youth Football & Cheer Inc.	Cheerleading Camp	Bq Rm/Kit	$2,359.00
SG Administrative Services Dept.	Interviews	Civic - CR	$159.00
SELA Collaborative	Community Schools Meeting	Bq Rm	$565.00
Los Angeles County	Supervisor Hahn's Food Give-Away	Parking lots 1 & 2	$3,191.00
AYSO	Coaches Meeting	SR. Ctr	$659.00
Nature for All	Intro to Camping Workshop	Hollydale Park	$175.00
SG Kiwanis Club	Kiwanis Club Training	Bq Rm	$1,065.00
SG Administrative Services Dept.	Lunch & Learn Training	GCH - MH	$960.00
SG Community Development Dept.	Parks & Code Enforcement Meeting	Aud - MH	$1,600.00

September Fee Waivers

Group Name	Event	Room	Amount Waived
Rotary Club	Weekly Club Meetings	Bq Rm/Kit	**$400.00**
Domestic Violence (VIVA)	Weekly Support Group Meetings	Bq Rm	**$2,800.00**
SG Women's Club	Monthly Board Meetings	Aud - MH	**$1,600.00**
SG Women's Club	Monthly General Meetings	Aud - MH	**$1,600.00**
SG Youth Commission	Monthly Meetings	Civic - MH	**$348.00**
SG Kiwanis Club	Bi-weekly Meeting	Bq Rm	**$800.00**
SG Aquatics Club	Monthly Meeting	Bq Rm	**$400.00**
Girl Scout Troop# 71435	Bi-weekly Meeting	GCH - RM B	**$320.00**
Los Angeles Food Bank	Bi-weekly Food Distribution	Circle Pk/HollydalePk	**$1,528.00**

Girl Scout Troop# 16325	Bi-weekly Meeting	GCH - RM B	**$320.00**
American Red Cross	Blood Drive	GCH - MH	$2,359.00
SG Police Department	Police Officer Background Orientation	Bq Rm	$400.00
SG Administration Office	Sr. Secretary Interviews	Civic - CR	$720.00
SG Police Department	Neighborhood Watch Meeting	Civic - MH	$524.00
SG Administration Office	ERC Meeting	Civic - MH	$524.00
SG Administration Office	HR Meeting	Civic - CR	$238.50
SG Police Department	SGPD/City Council School Collaborative Mtg	Aud - MH	$800.00
SG Administrative Office	Benefits Open Enrollment	Civic - MH	$589.50
SG Police Department	Police Dept. Training	Aud - MH	$4,000.00
SG Kiwanis Club	Workshop	GCH - MH/Kit	$1,200.00
SG Police Department	Youth Commission Strategic Planning Mtg	Azalea Rm	$786.00
SG Police Department	Training	Bq Rm	$1,000.00
SG Police Department	Community Service Officer written exam	Aud - MH	$2,000.00
SELA Collaborative	Electric Vehicle Adaptation Program Mtg	Bq Rm	$565.00
SG Community Development Dept.	EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant Mtg.	Bq Rm	$400.00
SG Administrative Services	Human Resources Technician Oral Interviews	Civic - CR	$159.00
SG Administrative Services	HR Interviews	Civic - CR	$159.00
SG Chamber of Commerce	Mayor's State of the City Address	Aud -MH/Kit	$3,177.00
Office of Anthony Rendon	Educational Student Workshop	GCH - MH	$1,279.00
SG Police Department	SG Police Car Show/Beer Garden	Golf Course	$831.00

October Fee Waivers

Group Name	Event	Room	Amount Waived
Rotary Club	Weekly Club Meetings	Bq Rm/Kit	**$400.00**
Domestic Violence (VIVA)	Weekly Support Group Meetings	Bq Rm	**$2,800.00**
SG Women's Club	Monthly Board Meetings	Aud - MH	**$1,600.00**
SG Women's Club	Monthly General Meetings	Aud - MH	**$1,600.00**
SG Youth Commission	Monthly Meetings	Civic - MH	**$348.00**
SG Kiwanis Club	Bi-weekly Meeting	Bq Rm	**$800.00**
SG J.A.A.	Parking Lot Sales	Parking Lot 3	**$764.00**
SG Aquatics Club	Monthly Meeting	Bq Rm	**$400.00**
Girl Scout Troop# 71435	Bi-weekly Meeting	GCH - RM B	**$320.00**
Los Angeles Food Bank	Bi-weekly Food Distribution	Circle Pk/HollydalePk	**$1,528.00**
Girl Scout Troop# 16325	Bi-weekly Meeting	GCH - RM B	**$320.00**
SG Police Dept.	School Collab. Meeting	Aud - MH	$1,600.00
SG Administrative Services Dept.	Parks/ Risk Manager	Aud - MH	$800.00
Nature for All	SELA Leadership Academy	Sr. Ctr - CR	$395.00
SG Police Dept.	SGPD Meeting	Azalea Rm	$524.00
SG Administrative Services Dept.	Facilities Maint. Lead Oral Interviews	Civic - CR	$278.25
SG Kiwanis Club	Kiwanis/Key Club Night Market & Spirit Night	Cookhouse/Picnic G	$346.00
Nature for All	Intro. To Camping Workshop	Hollydale Park	$175.00
SELA Collaborative	Nightmare in SELA Collab	GCH - MH	$1,680.00
SG Administrative Services Dept.	HR Meeting	Civic - CR	$318.00
Conservation Corp of Long Beach	Staff Workshop	Bq Rm	$365.00
SG Administrative Services Dept.	Park Facilities Lead Worker Interviews	Civic - CR	$159.00
SG Administrative Services Dept.	HR Meeting	Azalea Rm	$655.00
SG Administrative Services Dept.	SEIU Meeting	Bq Rm	$400.00
SG Administrative Services Dept.	HR Interviews	Azalea Rm	$655.00
SG Police Dept.	Police Officer Exam	Aud - MH	$2,000.00

SG Parks & Recreation Dept.	Biggest Loser Awards Banquet	Bq Rm/Kit	$400.00
SG Youth Football & Cheer Inc.	Football & Cheer Photo Day	Diamond 8	$160.00
SG Administrative Services Dept.	Community Management Analyst Interviews	Civic - CR	$298.00
SG Administrative Services Dept.	Lunch & Learn Meeting	Civic - MH	$524.00
SG Parks & Recreation Dept.	San Manuel Elem. School Trip	Civic - MH	$524.00
Boy Scouts of America	Trick or Trunk	Boy Scouts Area	$261.00
SG Public Works Dept.	Annual Paper Shredding Event	Hollydale Pk Lot	$1,528.00
SG Administration Dept.	Employee Town Hall Meeting	GCH - MH	$960.00
SG Administrative Services Dept.	HR Investigation	Azalea Rm	$786.00

November Fee Waivers

Group Name	Event	Room	Amount Waived
Rotary Club	Weekly Club Meetings	Bq Rm/Kit	**$400.00**
Domestic Violence (VIVA)	Weekly Support Group Meetings	Bq Rm	**$2,800.00**
SG Women's Club	Monthly Board Meetings	Aud - MH	**$1,600.00**
SG Women's Club	Monthly General Meetings	Aud - MH	**$1,600.00**
SG Youth Commission	Monthly Meetings	Civic - MH	**$348.00**
SG Kiwanis Club	Bi-weekly Meeting	Bq Rm	**$800.00**
SG Aquatics Club	Monthly Meeting	Bq Rm	**$400.00**
Girl Scout Troop# 71435	Bi-weekly Meeting	GCH - RM B	**$320.00**
Los Angeles Food Bank	Bi-weekly Food Distribution	Circle Pk/HollydalePk	**$1,528.00**
Girl Scout Troop# 16325	Bi-weekly Meeting	GCH - RM B	**$320.00**
SG Police Department	Police Training	Aud - MH	$4,000.00
SG Police Department	De-escalation Training	Azalea Rm	$397.50
SG Police Department	Police Record Specialist Exam	Aud - MH	$2,400.00
Senator Lena Gonzalez	State of the 33rd District	Aud - MH/Kit	$1,877.00
Special Olympics Southern California	2023 LA County Fall Games	Picnic Areas B-D	$1,663.00
SG Police Department	Family Day in the Park	Senior Ctr/Lots 4-5	$3,834.50
SG Police Department	School Collaborative Meeting	Aud - MH	$1,600.00
CR SELA Collaborative	"Soniditos" Meetings	Civic - MH	$2,096.00
SG Youth Football & Cheer, Inc	Board meetings	GCH - MH	$4,159.00
SG Administration Dept.	City Manager Meet/Greet	Civic - MH	$524.00
SG Public Works Dept.	Prop 218 Sewer Rate Workshop	Aud - MH	$1,600.00
SG Administrative Services Dept.	Electrican Witten Exam	Aud - MH	$2,000.00
SG Administrative Services Dept.	Recreation Specialist Interviews	Civic - CR	$198.75
SG Women's Club	Christmas Boutique	Aud -MH/Kit	$2,375.00
Arrellano Assoc. on behalf of LA Metro	Metro - West Santa Ana Branch Women's Workshop	GCH - MH	$1,200.00
SG Aquatics Club	Anniversary Celebration of SG Aquatics Club	Aud - MH/Kit	$2,538.00
River in Action/Nature for All	Campfire Workshops	Picnic Permits only	$346.00
CR SELA Collaborative	Open Mic Collaboration meeting	GCH - MH	$1,920.00
Conservation Corp of Long Beach	Thanksgiving Corps Members awards	Diamond 6-7	$120.00
SG Rotary Club	Annual Thanksgiving Dinner	Aud - MH/BQ/Kit	$2,440.00
SG Chamber of Commerce	Chamber of Commerce Executive Board Mtg	Civic - CR	$159.00
SG Police Department	Police Training	GCH - MH	$2,400.00
SG Administrative Services Dept.	A/P Purchasing Training	Civic - MH	$1,048.00
San Gabriel Elementary School	Field trip to the SG Museum	Civic - MH	$786.00

December Fee Waivers

Group Name	Event	Room	Amount Waived
Rotary Club	Weekly Club Meetings	Bq Rm/Kit	**$400.00**
Domestic Violence (VIVA)	Weekly Support Group Meetings	Bq Rm	**$2,800.00**
SG Women's Club	Monthly Board Meetings	Aud - MH	**$1,600.00**
SG Women's Club	Monthly General Meetings	Aud - MH	**$1,600.00**
SG Youth Commission	Monthly Meetings	Civic - MH	**$348.00**
SG Kiwanis Club	Bi-weekly Meeting	Bq Rm	**$800.00**
SG J.A.A.	Parking Lot Sales	Parking Lot 3	**$764.00**
SG Aquatics Club	Monthly Meeting	Bq Rm	**$400.00**
Girl Scout Troop# 71435	Bi-weekly Meeting	GCH - RM B	**$320.00**
Los Angeles Food Bank	Bi-weekly Food Distribution	Circle Pk/HollydalePk	**$1,528.00**
Girl Scout Troop# 16325	Bi-weekly Meeting	GCH - RM B	**$320.00**
Nature for All	Tree Distribution & Workshop	Sr. Ctr - CR	$395.00
SG Junior Atheltics Assoc.	Annual Christmas Dinner	GCH - MH	$960.00
SG Administrative Services	HR Meeting	Azalea Rm	$524.00
SG Administrative Services	AP/ Purchasing training	Civic - MH	$524.00
SG Administrative Services	Workers Comp. Meeting	Civic - CR	$159.00
Lower LA Rivers & Mtn Conservacy	Public Meeting	GCH - MH	$1,279.00
LA Regional Food Bank	Monthly Food Distributions	Hollydale Pk	$9,168.00
Secretaria del Migrante	Family Reunification	Sr. Ctr - MH	$1,153.50
SG Chamber of Commerce	76th Annual Christmas Lane Parade Breakfast	Sr Ctr. - MH/Kit	$985.00
American Red Cross	Blood Drive	GCH - MH	$1,759.00
LA Metro	Community Meeting	Aud - MH	$2,095.00
SG Aquatics Club	Team Meetings	Bq Rm	$4,965.00
SG Administrative Services	Police Management Technician interviews	Civic Ctr - MH	$1,048.00
Office of Anthony Rendon	Holiday Book Fair	GCH - MH	$1,039.00
SG Community Development Dept.	Community Meeting	Bq Rm	$400.00
Conservation Corp of Long Beach	Winter Holiday Luncheon	GCH - MH	$1,759.00
United Parents of South Gate	Community Meetings	Bq Rm	$1,165.00
SG Public Works Dept.	Annual Mulch & Compost giveaway	Parking lot 6 &	$1,528.00
SG Aquatics Club	Christmas Celebration	Aud - MH/Kit	$2,538.00
SG Youth Football & Cheer Inc.	Year-end Awards Assembly	Aud - MH/Kit	$2,925.00
LAUSD - SG High School	SGHS Cheer Christmas Banquet	GCH - MH	$1,759.00
SG Youth Football & Cheer Inc.	Cheer practice	Diamon 9/Tennis Courts	$3,816.00
LA Regional Food Bank	Monthly Food Distributions	Circle Park	$9,168.00
Human Services Assoc .	H.S.A. Meetings	Sr Ctr. - CR	$632.50

January Fee Waivers

Group Name	Event	Room	Amount Waived
Rotary Club	Weekly Club Meetings	Bq Rm/Kit	**$400.00**
Domestic Violence (VIVA)	Weekly Support Group Meetings	Bq Rm	**$2,800.00**
SG Women's Club	Monthly Board Meetings	Aud - MH	**$1,600.00**
SG Women's Club	Monthly General Meetings	Aud - MH	**$1,600.00**
SG Youth Commission	Monthly Meetings	Civic - MH	**$348.00**
SG Kiwanis Club	Bi-weekly Meeting	Bq Rm	**$800.00**
SG J.A.A.	Parking Lot Sales	Parking Lot 3	**$764.00**
SG Aquatics Club	Monthly Meeting	Bq Rm	**$400.00**

Girl Scout Troop# 71435	Bi-weekly Meeting	GCH - RM B	**$320.00**
Los Angeles Food Bank	Bi-weekly Food Distribution	Circle Pk/HollydalePk	**$1,528.00**
Girl Scout Troop# 16325	Bi-weekly Meeting	GCH - RM B	**$320.00**
SG Administrative Services Dept.	Civilian Custody Written Exam	Aud - MH	$2,000.00
LAUSD - South Gate High School	Baseball Program Banquet	GCH - MH/Kit	$1,647.00
Nature for All	California Native Plant Workshop	Sr. Ctr -MH	$824.00
Girl Scouts of Greater LA	Cookie Kick-off 2024	Aud - MH	$2,495.00
Long Beach Conservation Corp.	Meeting	Bq Rm	$400.00
SG Administrative Services Dept.	HR - Lunch N Learn	Civic - MH	$524.00
SG Police Dept.	Chief Arakawa Community Meeting	Azalea Rm	$524.00
SELA Meeting	SELA Parks Run Meeting	Bq Rm	$400.00
LAUSD - South East High School	Football Banquet & Awards	GCH - MH/Kit	$1,343.00
SG Police Dept.	Etch & Catch Event	Parking lot 5	$764.00
SG Kiwanis Club	SG Kiwanis/Key Club Conclave	Aud - MH/Kit/Bq	$3,238.00
SG Police Dept.	Neighborhood Watch meeting	Civic - MH	$524.00

February Fee Waivers

Group Name	Event	Room	Amount Waived
Rotary Club	Weekly Club Meetings	Bq Rm/Kit	**$400.00**
Domestic Violence (VIVA)	Weekly Support Group Meetings	Bq Rm	**$2,800.00**
SG Women's Club	Monthly Board Meetings	Aud - MH	**$1,600.00**
SG Women's Club	Monthly General Meetings	Aud - MH	**$1,600.00**
SG Youth Commission	Monthly Meetings	Civic - MH	**$348.00**
SG Kiwanis Club	Bi-weekly Meeting	Bq Rm	**$800.00**
SG Aquatics Club	Monthly Meeting	Bq Rm	**$400.00**
Girl Scout Troop# 71435	Bi-weekly Meeting	GCH - RM B	**$320.00**
Los Angeles Food Bank	Bi-weekly Food Distribution	Hollydale Pk	**$764.00**
Girl Scout Troop# 16325	Bi-weekly Meeting	GCH - RM B	**$320.00**
SG Administrative Services Dept.	Court Liason Officer - Oral Interviews	Civic - CR	$159.00
Office of Anthony Rendon	Citizenship Info Session	Aud - MH/Kit	$2,057.00
SG Police Department	Etch & Catch Event	Parking lot 5	$764.00
Tree People	Tree Planting Film Production	Bq Rm	$1,165.00
SG Administrative Services Dept.	Police Officer Written Exam	Aud - MH	$2,000.00
SG Administrative Services Dept.	Interview Panel for Street & Sewer Supv	Civic - CR	$298.00
LAUSD - SG High School	Football Banquet	GCH - MH	$799.00
South Gate AYSO	Meeting	Bq Rm	$400.00
SG Women's Club	Fine Arts Festival	GCH - MH/Kit	$784.00
SG Administration Department	Department Head Meeting	Aud - MH	$1,600.00
SG Police Department	CERTS Training	Bq Rm	$2,300.00
SG Police Department	Police Training	Azalea Rm	$1,179.00
SG Police Department	Police Officer Background Orientation	Bq Rm	$565.00

March Fee Waivers

Group Name	Event	Room	Amount Waived
Rotary Club	Weekly Club Meetings	Bq Rm/Kit	**$400.00**
Domestic Violence (VIVA)	Weekly Support Group Meetings	Bq Rm	**$2,800.00**
SG Women's Club	Monthly Board Meetings	Aud - MH	**$1,600.00**

SG Women's Club	Monthly General Meetings	Aud - MH	**$1,600.00**
SG Youth Commission	Monthly Meetings	Civic - MH	**$348.00**
SG Kiwanis Club	Bi-weekly Meeting	Bq Rm	**$800.00**
SG Aquatics Club	Monthly Meeting	Bq Rm	**$400.00**
Girl Scout Troop# 71435	Bi-weekly Meeting	GCH - RM B	**$320.00**
Los Angeles Food Bank	Bi-weekly Food Distribution	Hollydale Pk	**$764.00**
Girl Scout Troop# 16325	Bi-weekly Meeting	GCH - RM B	**$320.00**
SG Administrative Services Dept.	HR Meeting	Civic - MH	$159.00
LA County Registrar-Recorder Office	Ballot Retrieval	Parking lot 6	$8,404.00
SG Administrative Services Dept.	HR Meeting	Civic - MH	$524.00
SG Women's Club	Birthday Council Event	Aud - MH/Kit	$2,760.00
SG Administration Dept.	City Manager Meeting	Azalea Rm	$1,179.00
Nature For All	Tree Give Away	Boy Scout Area/Lot 5	$764.00
SG Police Dept.	Police Officer Written Exam	Aud - MH	$2,000.00
SG Administrative Services Dept.	HR Lunch & Learn	Civic - MH/CR	$683.00
SG Police Dept.	Owners & Management from Azalea Complex	Azalea Rm	$524.00
SG Administration Dept.	Special City Council Meeting	Azalea Rm	$917.00

April Fee Waivers

Group Name	Event	Room	Amount Waived
Rotary Club	Weekly Club Meetings	Bq Rm/Kit	**$400.00**
Domestic Violence (VIVA)	Weekly Support Group Meetings	Bq Rm	**$2,800.00**
SG Women's Club	Monthly Board Meetings	Aud - MH	**$1,600.00**
SG Women's Club	Monthly General Meetings	Aud - MH	**$1,600.00**
SG Youth Commission	Monthly Meetings	Civic - MH	**$348.00**
SG Kiwanis Club	Bi-weekly Meeting	Bq Rm	**$800.00**
SG J.A.A.	Parking Lot Sales	Parking Lot 3	**$764.00**
SG Aquatics Club	Monthly Meeting	Bq Rm	**$400.00**
Girl Scout Troop# 71435	Bi-weekly Meeting	GCH - RM B	**$320.00**
Los Angeles Food Bank	Bi-weekly Food Distribution	Hollydale Pk	**$764.00**
Girl Scout Troop# 16325	Bi-weekly Meeting	GCH - RM B	**$320.00**
Conservation Corps of Long Beach	Training	Bq Rm	$365.00
SG Administrative Services Dept.	Meeting	Civic - CR	$159.00
Assembly Rules Committee	Tax Preparation Workshop	Aud - MH/Kit	$2,845.00
Secretaria del Migrante en Michoacan	Palomas Mensajeras - Family Reunification	Sr Ctr - MH	$824.00
SG Administrative Services Dept.	Oral Interviews	Civic - CR	$357.75
SG Police Dept.	Austim Awareness Month Event	Aud - MH/Kit	$2,160.00
SG Police Dept.	Civilian Custody Officer Written Exam	Aud - MH	$2,000.00
SG Police Dept.	Police Officer Background Orientation	Civic - CR	$159.00
SG Administrative Services Dept.	Training	Civic - MH	$524.00
SG Administraion Dept.	Tweedt Street Fair Meeting	Bq Rm	$400.00
SG PW Dept.	Earth Day	Parking lots 4-6/Sr Ctr -All	$4,231.00
SG Administrative Services Dept.	Park Ranger Written Exam	Aud - MH	$1,600.00
Boy Scouts of America	Boy Scout Camping	Boy Scout Area	$261.00
Assembly Rules Committee	Earth Day Bike Ride	Hollydale Pk	$175.00

May Fee Waivers

Group Name	Event	Room	Amount Waived
Rotary Club	Weekly Club Meetings	Bq Rm/Kit	**$400.00**
Domestic Violence (VIVA)	Weekly Support Group Meetings	Bq Rm	**$2,800.00**
SG Women's Club	Monthly Board Meetings	Aud - MH	**$1,600.00**
SG Women's Club	Monthly General Meetings	Aud - MH	**$1,600.00**
SG Youth Commission	Monthly Meetings	Civic - MH	**$348.00**
SG Kiwanis Club	Bi-weekly Meeting	Bq Rm	**$800.00**
SG Aquatics Club	Monthly Meeting	Bq Rm	**$400.00**
Los Angeles Food Bank	Bi-weekly Food Distribution	Hollydale Pk	**$764.00**
Girl Scout Troop# 16325	Bi-weekly Meeting	GCH - RM B	**$320.00**
SG Administration Dept.	Mayor's Prayer Breakfast Event	GCH - MH/Kit	$1,200.00
SG J.A.A.	Opening Day	Picnic Areas B-G/	$1,663.00
South Gate Middle School	PTA Community Mother's Day Event	Aud - MH/Kit	$2,474.00
LAUSD - SG High School	SGHS Bio Magnet Banquet	GCH - MH/Kit	$1,522.00
SG Youth Football & Cheer Inc.	AAU Football Conference Mtg	Aud -MH/Kit	$3,337.00
SG Police Dept.	Police/AltaMed Parent Workshop	Bq Rm	$400.00
SG Administrative Services	Comm. Service Officer written exam	Aud - MH	$2,000.00
Fair Housing Foundation	Fair Housing Workshop	GCH - MH	$1,279.00
SG Administrative Services	Police Recruit/Officer written exam	Aud -MH/Kit	$2,000.00
SG AYSO	Coaches Meeting	Bq Rm	$365.00
Nature For All	Tree Giveaway	Boy Scout Area	$87.00
Nature For All	SELA Leadership Development Mtg	Sr. Ctr - CR	$625.00
SG Administrative Services	Oral Interviews	Civic - CR	$358.00
SG Police Dept.	Owners & Management Mtg	Azalea Rm	$524.00
KIPP Corazon Academy	Field trip	Parking permit	$346.00
LAUSD - Legacy High School	Girl & Boy Scout Soccer Banquet	GCH - MH	$983.00
SG Rotary Club	Rotary Club Interact Fiesta	Bq Rm/Kit	$565.00
SG Kiwanis Club	Club Meeting	Bq Rm	$500.00
SG Women's Club	Garden Conference	GCH - MH/Kit	$4,200.00
SG Administrative Services	Lunch & Learn Meeting	Civic - MH/CR	$683.00

June Fee Waivers

Group Name	Event	Room	Amount Waived
Rotary Club	Weekly Club Meetings	Bq Rm/Kit	**$400.00**
Domestic Violence (VIVA)	Weekly Support Group Meetings	Bq Rm	**$2,800.00**
SG Women's Club	Monthly Board Meetings	Aud - MH	**$1,600.00**
SG Women's Club	Monthly General Meetings	Aud - MH	**$1,600.00**
SG Youth Commission	Monthly Meetings	Civic - MH	**$348.00**
SG Kiwanis Club	Bi-weekly Meeting	Bq Rm	**$800.00**
SG Aquatics Club	Monthly Meeting	Bq Rm	**$400.00**
Los Angeles Food Bank	Bi-weekly Food Distribution	Hollydale Pk	**$764.00**
Girl Scout Troop# 16325	Bi-weekly Meeting	GCH - RM B	**$320.00**
LAUSD - San Miguel Elementary	5th Grade Culmination	Aud - MH	$2,506.00
SG Pulic Works Dept.	State & Federal Grants Deadlines	Civic - CR	$159.00
LAUSD - Bryson Ave. Elementary	5th Grade Culmination	Aud - MH	$3,958.00
SG Administrative Services Dept.	Oral Interviews	Civic - CR	$357.75

South Gate Parks and Recreation
Facility Rentals and Facility Fee Waiver Report

Nature for All	Camping workshop	Boy Scout Area	$87.00
KIPP Corazon Academy	School Culmination	Aud - MH	$1,952.00
LAUSD - Bryson Ave. Elementary	5th grade picnic	Pic Area C/Cookhouse	$554.00
SG Chamber of Commerce	2nd Annual Men's Health Awareness	Parking lot 4 / 5	$1,528.00
SG Youth Football & Cheer Inc.	Uniform Fitting Day	Sr. Ctr. MH/CR	$2,326.25
SG Police Dept.	Police Dept. Training	Aud - MH	$4,000.00
SG J.A.A.	End of Year Banquet	GCH - MH	$863.00
SG Administrative Services Dept.	HR Meeting	Civic - CR	$159.00
SG Administrative Services Dept.	Police Records Specialist exam	Aud - MH	$2,000.00
SG Community Dev. Dept.	ADU Program	Bq Rm	$800.00
Human Services Assoc.	ECE Staff Meeting	GCH - MH	$2,239.00
Aspire Gateway Academy	5th grade breakfast	Picnic Area C	$277.00
SG Youth Football & Cheer Inc.	Cheerp Parent Meeting	Aud - MH	$2,343.00
SG Police Dept.	Azalea Active Shooter training	Azalea Rm	$524.00
SG Administrative Services Dept.	Oral Interviews	Civic - CR	$357.75
DMV Investigation Division	Pacific Area Command Meeting	Bq Rm	$1,065.00
SG Police Dept.	Background Orientation	Civic - MH	$524.00
SG Youth Football & Cheer Inc.	Executive Board Mtg	GCH - MH	$1,407.00
American Red Cross	Blood Drive	GCH - MH	$1,920.00
SG Police Dept.	Background Orientation	Civic - MH	$524.00
SG Administrative Services Dept.	Oral Interviews	Civic - CR	$357.75
SG Administrative Services Dept.	HR Meeting	Civic - MH/CR	$1,024.50
SG Community Dev. Dept.	ADU Program	Bq Rm	$400.00
SG Police Dept.	Records Specialist Background Orientation	Civic - MH	$524.00
Total Monies Waived			**$400,078.75**

Parks & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting
September 12, 2024

STAFF REPORT ITEM No. 2

To: **Honorable Parks & Recreation Commission**
From: **James Markel, Recreation Manager**
Date: **August 21, 2024**

Subject: **Annual Sports and Aquatics Division Report**

Recommended Motion: Motion to Receive and File

Report Summary:

Aquatics

The Aquatics Division experienced another dynamic year in 2023-2024. Our commitment to enhancing community well-being, improving facilities, and expanding program offerings has led to notable achievements across all seasons.

In Summer of 2023, we expanded our hours and programs. The Patricia G. Mitchell Swim Stadium was open seven days a week for Lap, Adult, and Family Swim. We also grew our Splash Membership program, with about 1,500 reoccurring monthly memberships. Our most popular program, Learn-to-Swim, offering Group, Private, and Semi-Private swim lessons for all ages, was at full capacity every month. We offered several therapy and fitness classes for adults and seniors, such as: SeniorCise, Aqua Aerobics, Masters Swim, and Open Play Water Polo. We featured specialized and aquatic sports programs like Junior Water Polo, Pre-Comp, and hosted competitive swim teams South Gate Aquatics Club (SGAC), Penguins Aquatic Club (PAC), and Lynwood Marlins (LMST). Special this summer was the launch of new programs such as the Summer Splash Camp for Kids, Junior Lifeguard, Surfing 101, Surf Camp for Teens, and Gators Swim Academy, with over 200 participants. We also expanded summer aquatic fitness classes to include Aqua Blast, a higher intensity aqua aerobics class.

We continued to engage with our community with a variety of free water safety awareness events. We partnered with SGAC and organized the World's Largest Swimming Lesson in June and had almost 200 participants. We also launched our free Community Swim Day series: Summer Kick-Off Splash event in June, 4th of July Splash event in July, and Back-to-School Splash event in August. Each event brought in over 100 participants. The theme of events was to teach the community how to stay safe in and around the water and other ways to beat the summer heat. Guests enjoyed lawn games, music, and prizes plus free entry to a bonus Family Swim session offered that day.

Our Learn-to-Swim program and aquatic fitness classes continued through the fall, as did the warm season, so we were still pretty busy. We were at capacity every month in the fall. We continued to host partner organization South Gate Aqua Coalition (SGAC), Penguins Aquatic

Club (PAC) and Lynwood Marlins Swim Team (LMST). The Patricia G. Mitchell Swim Stadium is also the "home pool" for the South-Central Swim League's fall, winter, and spring seasons, hosting approximately six meets per season. Each individual meet brings in about six local swim teams, 400 local competitive swimmers, and over 600 spectators. This fall was extra special because we rolled out a new event that is unlike anything we've ever done before: Patti's Pumpkin Plunge, a floating pumpkin patch! We featured arts and crafts, a pumpkin decorating contest, games, prizes, music and more. We were sold out for both sessions and had 200 participants.

Come winter, things slowed down. The colder season brought new opportunities. We launched a new membership program called Splash Fitness. This membership tier provides access to all our recreational swim sessions and aquatic fitness classes at an economical price. As one of the only indoor pools open year-round, we were able to continue hosting local swim teams' practices, the South-Central Swim League's winter swim league, SGAC's USA Invitational 2-day swim meet, and our adult and lap swimmers. We also offered our 11th Annual Youth Swim Clinic, designed for novice and advanced competitive swimmers to improve their technique, endurance, and speed. We had almost 100 youth register; currently our best feeder programs for both club and high school swim and water polo teams. Inspired by the success of the Halloween event, the Aquatics Team launched a special holiday event: Surfing with Santa. This special day featured arts and crafts, games, activities, prizes, and an opportunity to surf with Santa, Mrs. Claus, and their elves.

After the holidays, the pool took a break to focus on much needed facility and pool renovations. The pool was drained in order to repair the wrinkles in the liner, a lane line anchor that was torn out, and missing tiles around the pool bottom and walls. The Aquatics Staff also took this opportunity to deep clean the patron locker-rooms, staff areas, deck, and patio. Staff also created a few YouTube videos to help patrons become better aware of our programs and how to register for them online.

In Spring 2024, the pool started to see more traffic as everyone starts prepping for the summer season. Our most popular programs, Learn-to-Swim Group, Private, and Semi-Private swim lessons for all ages were back. We offered a variety of safety training courses for the community. In March, we held three different Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED courses with almost 30 participants. We also held three different Lifeguard Certification courses. As first responders, Aquatics Staff is consistently training, and in May-June held our annual recertification course certifying 50 Lifeguards in American Red Cross Lifeguarding with CPR/AED For Professional Rescuers, First Aid, Administering Emergency Oxygen, and Bloodborne Pathogens Training. May is designated as National Water Safety Month, so the Swim Stadium in partnership with the Parks & Rec Social Media Team campaigned all month long to bring water safety awareness to the community. We celebrated International Water Safety Day on May 15 and hosted our 5th Annual Water Safety Bash, attracting over 100 participants.

Fitness

The Sports Center Fitness membership program had a robust start to the new year. Total memberships grew to over 3,500 participants with almost 4,000 daily admissions coming in during the 1st quarter. This momentum continued into the 2nd and 3rd quarters with our membership database surpassing over 4,000 members during the start of 2024. New Year's resolutions and people wanting more active lifestyles usually account for an increase in memberships during January through March. By the 4th quarter, we had over 4,400 memberships and processed 4,498 daily admissions. Overall, membership registrations grew

25% from first to fourth quarters.

The introduction of new Group Exercise classes has been well-received by members. The new Zumba classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. continue to be very popular. Our Senior Fitness Programs: Seniorcise and Over Easy have increased their attendance by 100%. Staff has worked hard to develop age-appropriate exercises and programs that keep our Seniors engaged and motivated. We added a new Outdoor Yoga class that immediately drew significant interest from members. During the warmer seasons, there will be as many as 50 people practicing their yoga poses and breathing techniques under the beautiful South Gate Park trees. Currently, the Sports Center offers a diverse range of over 30 fitness classes weekly that cater to all members and their preferences.

Youth Fitness Programming continued to flourish, with Youth Olympic Weightlifting and Basketball Training Sessions reaching near maximum capacity every session. These popular programs attract many participants, thanks to their focus on enhancing muscular development and coordination. Our highly sought after Biggest Loser program, which is celebrating its 10-year anniversary, has once again reached full capacity. Over the course of 12 long grueling weeks, participants challenge themselves every day through a variety of staff led resistance training sessions and workouts. There are weekly weigh-ins with opportunities to win prizes for weight loss and participation.
The Personal Training Program experienced growth, with a total of 884 hours of training conducted over the fiscal year. Notably, there was a huge increase in the Private 12-session packages, with 384 hours conducted this year compared to last year's 264 hours. This can be attributed to clients entrusting their Certified Personal Trainers to achieve their fitness goals and dedicating the time to continue training with staff. The semi-private 16-session package also increased, recording 288 hours of training. To meet the rising demand, we have expanded our team with more certified trainers. The program remains highly requested and continues to receive excellent feedback from clients.

In January, we held our Annual Sports Center Open House, which was open to the public and showcased all the facilities and fitness programming available. The event featured abbreviated versions of Group Exercise classes, Personal Training Assessments, and enjoyable sports activities for the entire family. Attendees also had the chance to win prizes through staff-led activities throughout the day.

Our Spring Fit 5K returned for its 7th year. Bimbo Bakeries once again served as the title sponsor, providing 800 performance tech shirts to all registered participants. The party started at 6:00 a.m. with a DJ playing the latest hits. The Children’s Play Area had more inflatables, and activities to win prizes. The accompanying vendor fair, featuring various sponsors offering products and goodies, was also a major highlight. The Spring Fit 5K remains a cornerstone event for our department and is set to grow even larger in the future.

The 3rd Annual Fun Run took place on July 20. The one-mile park course was filled with inflatable obstacles, water slides, slime, foam, and mud zones. This year, Home Depot's generous donations allowed us to build more elaborate obstacles, and Amazon came on board as a major sponsor, providing high-performance tech shirts for all participants. The event included a vibrant vendor fair with Dirty Worms, Dunkin' Donuts, Tampico, Celsius, and Amazon leading the way. With such strong support, the Fun Run is set to continue growing alongside our other major events.

Youth Sports

Fiscal Year 2023-2024 was a very busy and successful year for our Youth Sports division. Summer 2023 kicked off with our main Fundamental classes filling to capacity (Basketball, Baseball, Soccer, Volleyball, and Multi-Sport). Classes met for 45 minutes, once a week, for nine consecutive weeks. Every class culminated with live scrimmages, a group potluck, and certificate presentations. Karate and Tennis contract classes were also offered during the Summer and remained at capacity.

Fall 2023 continued steadily after an action-packed summer session. Our main offerings remained the same with all classes filling to capacity again. Karate instructor Juan Larios hosted his Annual International Karate-Do Shito-Ryu Federation Tournament on September 17 in the Sports Center Gymnasium. Over 75 athletes from all regions competed to be named the champion, and over 400 spectators attended throughout the tournament. We continued our partnership with Special Olympics as their host site for their Fall 2023 games. We had over 500 Special Olympic athletes competing in Softball, Soccer, Volleyball, and Golf with hundreds of spectators in attendance.

Winter 2024 experienced a slight decline in registration which is typical during the winter months due to extreme weather and temperature changes. Once again, our offerings remained the same and classes reached near full capacity. We hosted our annual Azalea Karate Tournament on March 10. Additionally, we offered a weeklong baseball camp from March 25 through March 29 for participants ages 5 - 12 years old. Lastly, new to our Youth Sports division was the Glow in the Dark Pickel ball event held in the Sports Center Gymnasium. Staff decorated the gym with a variety of glow in the dark tape, paint, and equipment to create this spectacular pickleball venue. The family event was held on Friday, March 29 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and we had over 75 participants.
Spring 2024 had classes return to full capacity. We brought back our popular Intermediate Volleyball Fundamentals on Tuesday evenings. Our Youth Sports Division held its second Basketball All-Star Skills Challenge. Participants competed in timed drills that showcased their ball handling, passing, shooting, and agility skills. There were three age divisions (7-8, 9-10, & 11-12 year olds); the top finisher in each age division received an Under Armour basketball backpack accompanied by a brand new Wilson basketball. To end our Spring quarter, Special Olympics chose the South Gate Sports Center as their host site for their Annual Special Olympics Basketball Competition. The event took place on June 1 and had 50 Special Olympic athletes and over 200 spectators in attendance to support their athletes.

Adult Sports

Our Adult Softball leagues were able to complete 2 full seasons this year. Our Men's league takes place on Thursday evenings and had an overall total of 44 teams while Co-ed continued its play on Friday evenings and had a total of 48 teams. Prizes for first place varied by season; summer introduced our new championship tank tops and fall/spring received redesigned championship hoodies. Second place prizes were also upgraded as they received customized City of South Gate Softball water bottles. We continue to increase the number of teams per season, and we are almost back to pre-pandemic numbers.

Adult Basketball will return this Fall. Our Men's league will be playing on Friday nights, and we are currently recruiting for a Women's Basketball league as well.

Open Play Volleyball continues to be a popular program on Tuesday evenings, accounting for over 2,500 drop-in participants during the past fiscal year. Adult Volleyball will look to commence its inaugural season this Fall. Our Coed league will play on Tuesday nights from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.