



PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

QUINLAN COMMUNITY CENTER
10185 NORTH STELLING ROAD • CUPERTINO, CA 95014-5732
TELEPHONE: (408) 777-3120 • FAX: (408) 777-1305
CUPERTINO.ORG

STAFF REPORT

For the Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting on

June 4, 2020

Subject

Update on the Coronavirus' Impacts to Cupertino Parks and Recreation Programs.

Recommended Actions

Receive an update from staff regarding the impacts of the Coronavirus on the Parks and Recreation programs.

Discussion

Since March 2020, when the impacts of the coronavirus were felt in Santa Clara County, the City of Cupertino has taken multiple actions for the public's health and safety. All facilities, recreation programs, rentals and special events were closed or cancelled, and staff then handled the administrative tasks while working from home, the Parks Rangers continued to monitor the trail, and a few employees tended to the animals at McClellan Ranch. More recently, staff has been conducting a wide variety of virtual recreation programs and community "sheltered in place" events.

There are now approximately 60 virtual recreation programs for everyone from preschoolers to senior citizens. Examples of these programs include preschool get-togethers, classes conducted by our contractors for their regular fee, exercise classes led by the teachers at the Sports Center, and coping sessions led by one of our Case Managers. The programming continues to get more diverse and is proving very popular with the residents. Some of the exercise classes are even averaging nearly 100 participants.

Our Cupertino Cares program has been especially positive, with each week a different theme for residents to do and share with those out for brief walks in the community. Sidewalk chalk art, window displays, and painted rocks are just a few of the themes in which residents have been participating.

More recently, the tennis courts at the Sports Center and the Blackberry Farm Golf Course have reopened for play, abiding by rules to ensure social distancing and proper safety. Tennis players from different households are not permitted to use the same tennis balls and all items that require touching, such as benches and ball washers, have been removed from the golf course.

Staff is currently working on re-opening protocols for when the sheltering-in-place order is lifted. Although aquatics programs will not be offered this summer, camps are still possible, as are classes and facility rentals.

More recent information will be provided orally at the meeting.

Sustainability Impact

No sustainability impact is associated with the receipt of this report.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with the receipt of this report.

Prepared and Approved by: Randy Schwartz, Interim Parks & Recreation Director

Attachments: None