**Parks, Recreation & Street Lighting Report**

**September 2022**

**Introduction**

The District Parks and Recreation Department operates and maintains community centers, senior centers, parks and streetlights. The District currently has two community centers, one located in Phelan and another in Pinon Hills. Adjacent to each of the centers are two parks that have playgrounds, basketball courts and shaded picnic tables. Parks and recreation are a vital component to any community. It not only adds beauty, but provides safe areas for activities of individuals, families, and groups. The parks are available for use from morning until dusk. The community centers are utilized for a wide range of activities and are available to the community for a small fee. The District currently offers several events and activities, and continues to work on various recreation ideas and continues to partner with local civic groups creating programs that are beneficial to the community at large.

The Parks and Recreation Department realizes the importance of long-range planning to preserve and protect our valuable assets and to allow for efficient use of resources for future growth. The efficient use of resources will allow the District to acquire, develop, operate, and maintain a park and recreation system which enriches the quality of life for residents and visitors alike, and preserves it for future generations. The District continues to develop a sustainable park system that will be supported by decisions that provide services at a sustainable rate, such as providing infrastructure that can be reasonably maintained while setting realistic targets on programs and services.

The District currently owns four vacant parcels for future parks and recreation facilities, a 55 acre parcel on Johnson Road, an 80 acre parcel on Sheep Creek Road, a 25 acre parcel on Chateau Road and a 4 acre parcel on Warbler Road that includes an adjacent 10 acre parcel off of Sahara Road.

The streetlights primarily service the business district of Phelan. There are also lights at strategic intersections to help in providing safety to the community. Expansion of the street lighting to other intersections is considered based upon a safety need, but the District does respect the San Bernardino County “Dark Sky” ordinance and encourages residents to do the same.

**Monthly Activity Report**

The following report details the number of community center rentals and activities for the month:

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| **Location** | **Paid Rental** | **District Use** | **Donated Use** |
| **Phelan Community Center** | 4 | 5 | 2 |
| **Phelan Senior Center** | 4 | 0 | 11 |
| **Piñon Hills Community Center** | 6 | 0 | 7 |
| **Miscellaneous** | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Phelan Park** | 0 | 2 | 0 |

**Events and Classes**

The following is a brief summary of current parks and recreation events:

* Upcoming Parks Committee Meeting – October 11, 2022, 4:30 pm Phelan C.C.
* Farmers Market – Mondays, 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm (Phelan C. C. parking lot starting Aug. 8, 2022)
* Line Dancing – Every Friday, 9:00 am – 10:30 am, Phelan C.C.
* Senior Lunches – Monthly (TBD, discussions are currently in process with the senior groups regarding the senior lunches)
  + 1st Wednesday at Phelan C.C.
  + 3rd Thursday at Pinon Hills C.C.
* Movies in the Park – Fridays 6/10/2022 thru 9/16/2022 Dusk, in Phelan Park
* Kids Baking Class – Saturday 11/12/2022 10am – 12 noon, at Phelan C.C
* Kids Baking Class – Saturday 12/10/2022 10am – 12 noon, at Phelan C.C.
* Community Cleanup – Saturday 11/5/2022 8am – 12 noon, at CR&R Service Yard
* Painting Class – Saturday 11/5/2022 Age 5-12, 9am – 10:30am & Age 13+, 11am – 12:30pm at Phelan C.C.
* Painting Class – Saturday 12/17/2022 Age 5-12, 9am – 10:30am & Age 13+, 11am – 12:30pm at Phelan C.C.
* Tree Lighting Ceremony - Friday 12/2/2022 6 pm, at Phelan Park
* Gardening Class – Starting Winter Seedlings, Saturday 9/10/2022, 10am, Teaching Garden
* Gardening Class – Harvest/Storing Fruits and Vegetables, Saturday 10/8/2022, 10am, Teaching Garden
* Gardening Class – Using a Greenhouse, Saturday 11/12/2022, 10am, Teaching Garden
* Gardening Class – Planting Trees and Pruning, Saturday 12/12/2022, teaching Garden

(Learn to Garden classes are held at the Teaching Garden, just north of PPHCSD Office)

**Projects/Activities in Process**

* Parks Budget for 2022/2023 – CIP projects are in process and ongoing. Phelan C.C Unit A interior painting done in August. Pinon Hills C.C. restroom plastic wall panels, replacement done in September. Pinon Hills Park swing set retaining wall, done in September. Lighting additions for Phelan and Pinon Hills Park scheduled for early November.
* Phelan Park Expansion Project – Design with phase planning is in process for the District owned parks properties east of Phelan Park – 4.22-acre parcel, APN 3066-261-08, and adjoining 10-acre parcel, APN 3066-251-14.
* Land and Water Conservation Grant application, requesting 2.7M, to help fund the Phelan Park expansion project was submitted to the state. The District was not selected to receive funding through this grant.
* Efforts on funding source possibilities for the Phelan Park expansion project are ongoing.
* Parks Master Plan – Action plan needs are being implemented and are ongoing.