

## **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes Regular Meeting – December 4, 2014**

### **Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by Dr. Scott McBrayer at 12:10 p.m.**

Meeting Location: Tiara Rado Golf Course Restaurant

#### Roll Call

Board Members Present: Kyle Emert  
Scott Coleman  
Bob Wiig  
Dr. Scott McBrayer  
Gary Schroen  
Jim Doody (Ex-Officio)

Board Members Absent: Kristy Emerson  
Marc Litzen

Parks & Recreation Staff Present: Rob Schoeber, Director  
Tressa Fisher, Administrative Specialist  
Traci Wieland, Recreation Superintendent  
Mike Vendegna, Park Superintendent  
Doug Jones, Golf Superintendent  
Mike Mendelson, Golf Pro

Guest(s): Councilmember Duncan McArthur

### **Item 2: Approval of Minutes**

Bob Wiig moved to approve the November 6, 2014 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board minutes. Scott Coleman seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Motion adopted by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Yes 5 No 0

Scott Coleman requested follow-up on the School District 51 calendar letter. Rob Schoeber stated the revised letter will be emailed to the Board members for final approval before it is mailed.

### **Item 3: Golf Workshop**

Rob Schoeber, Mike Mendelson, and Doug Jones shared the presentation they will be reviewing at the golf open house being hosted Monday, December 15, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. in the Lincoln Park Tower hospitality suite. The presentation included a brief summary regarding the golf courses being an enterprise fund, average rounds, improvements, and the proposed fees and charges (See attached presentation and handout). The Board members were encouraged to attend the open house if available.

### **Item 4: Email Communication Update**

Traci Wieland provided information on the recent addition to the Recreation Department's monthly newsletter, which has now taken on more of a "dialog" approach via a weekly email communication. The new format is a way to reach out to the customers without coming across as a just another marketing tool. The first three emails, alone, have already generated a considerable amount of positive feedback. Traci Wieland distributed copies of the emails to date, along with the comments that have been received in response to the new communication technique (See attached). The Recreation Department is very fortunate to have Recreation Coordinator, Pete Ashman, who is an extremely talented writer, be willing to take on the weekly correspondence. The ultimate goal is to create a better two-way communication culture with the customers, which appears to be working already.

#### **Item 5: Las Colonias Park Updates**

Rob Schoeber discussed the recent request to City Council for approval to hire architectural services for the amphitheater design and landscaping. Discussions at the Council meeting primarily focused around the current status of the cuckoo bird's potential critical habitat regulations. The final decision was for staff to move forward with offering contracts to the architects pending a discussion with US Fish and Wildlife. Rob Schoeber stated the goal of the conversation will be to get some sort of assurance from the local representative regarding the ability to move forward with the development project and to try and obtain a better feel of how the critical habitat designation could potentially affect the park project. The current proposed area being reviewed by US Fish and Wildlife exists of 500,000 acres over 10 states. Bob Wiig stated he sent Tressa Fisher the link to the US Fish and Wildlife website, requesting it be forwarded to the Board members in order for them to submit their own comments.

Traci Wieland reported on Phase I of the Las Colonias Park Project, which has received GOCO funding for the final design work. A solid design has been agreed on and includes a highly visible location for the new shelter that is easily accessible for trail users, disc golf players, Botanical Gardens visitors, etc. The goal is to have the project out for bid right after the first of the year (2015).

#### **Item 6: Project Updates**

Traci Wieland shared the exciting news that Kathy Welsh, with the non-profit foundation "Play to Dream" plans to build a large playground at Canyon View Park in honor of John Leane. Mrs. Welsh intends to honor Mr. Leane, Recreation's Adult Softball Supervisor of 17 years, for having a significant impact on her life as a teenager. The existing playground at Canyon View Park is in disrepair and was on the schedule for replacement in 2016. The Play to Dream Foundation will be building a fully accessible playground ranging from \$200,000-400,000, with the City agreeing to provide 1) The removal of the old equipment and the ground prep (the existing playground will be recycled to the community), and 2) The purchase and installation of a sign that recognizes the Play to Dream Foundation and John Leane. There will be a community meeting in January to review the plans, of which John Leane's 11 grandchildren (ages ranging 5-14) will be involved in selecting the play structures. The project completion date is scheduled for May 2015. The Parks and Recreation Department is very excited and proud to see their long time contract employee John Leane be honored in such a remarkable way! Congratulations John!

#### **Item 7: For the Good of the Community**

No items were discussed.

#### **Item 8: Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 1:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

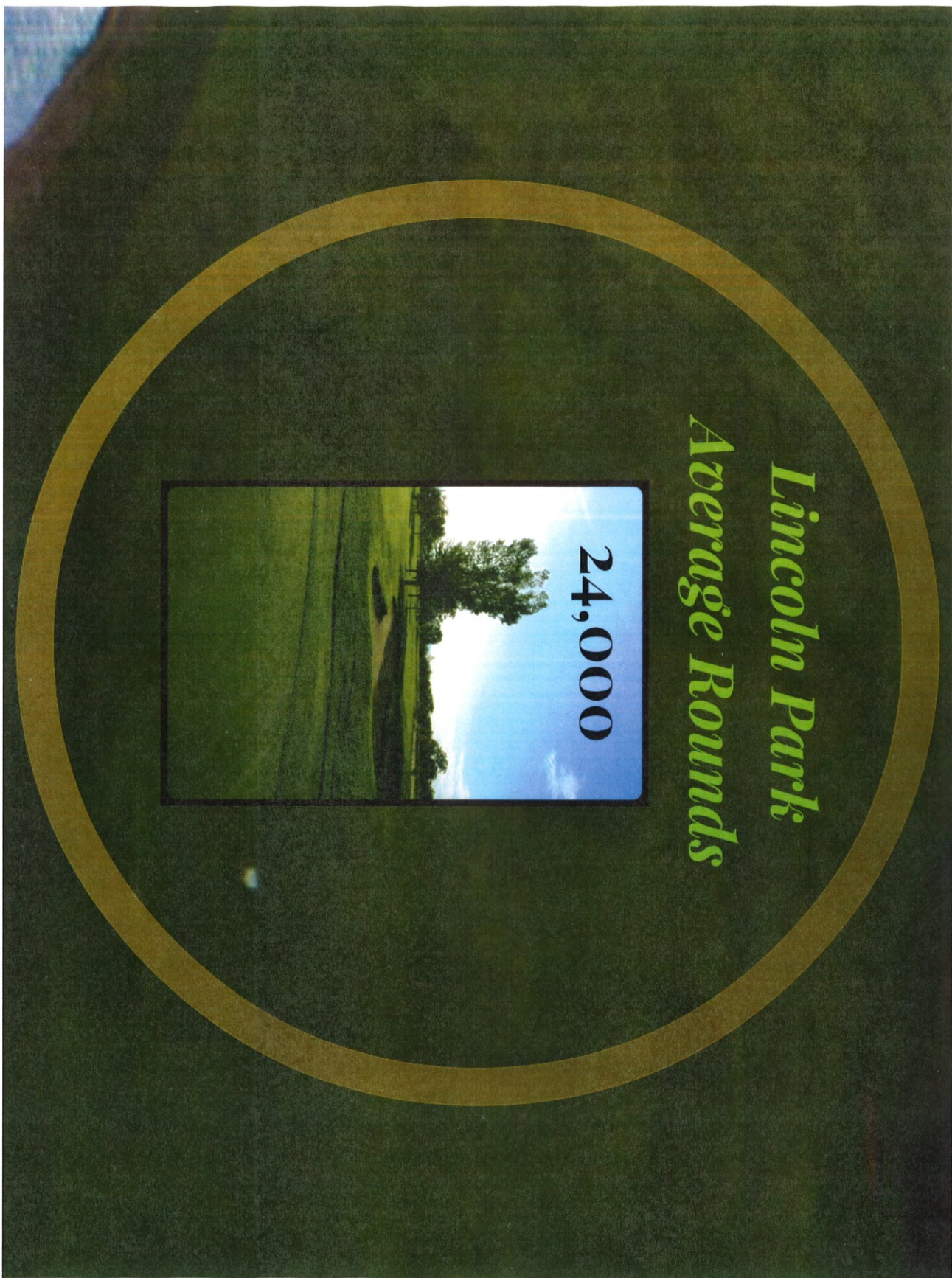
Tressa Fisher  
Administrative Specialist



# *Budget at a Glance*

## **Projections**

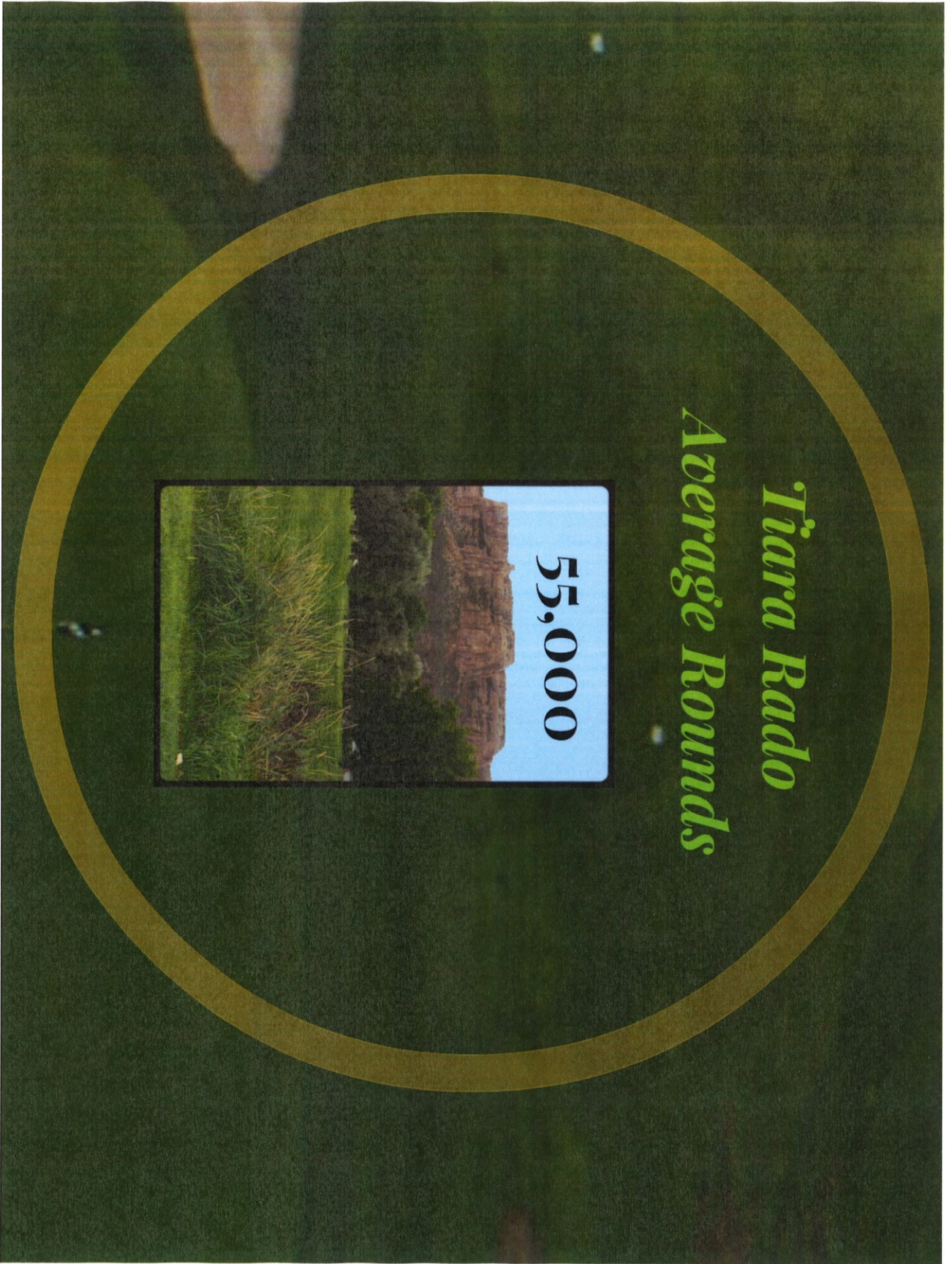
- Golf Revenue ~ \$ 1,740,000
- Golf Expenses ~ \$ 1,900,000
- City Subsidy ~ \$ 160,000
- Decreased Expenses ~ \$200,000 from 2008



*Lincoln Park*  
*Average Rounds*



**24,000**





# *Improvements*

- Driving Range ~ TR
- Irrigation System ~ LP
- Course Renovation ~ TR
- Range Machine Upgrades
- Software and Mobile App



# *Proposed Fees & Charges*

- Season Tickets
- Green Fees
- Cart Rentals
- Special Promotions
  - Golfer's Dozen
  - Last Call
- CMU Student Discount
- Mobile App Specials



# *Golf Division*

## *Project Vision*

- Speed of Play Improvements
- Revised Rough Mowing
- Tree Trimming
- Pace of Play Clocks
- Cart Fleet Replacement 2016

# CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION GOLF COURSE UPDATES

- Lincoln Park Golf Course averages 24,000 rounds annually
- Tiara Rado Golf Course averages 55,000 (9 hole rounds) annually
- The golf courses operate as a stand alone enterprise fund, separate from other City programs and facilities. The City subsidizes the golf fund \$155,000 annually.
- The City has completed many upgrades recently at each course, most notably the renovation project at Tiara Rado.
- The fees and charges are proposed to remain the same in 2015 as 2014. Special discounts will be applied to annual passes purchased before December 31st.
- Special promotions have been introduced for frequent golfers including:
  - o Golfer's Dozen
  - o Last Call
  - o Mobile app specials
- Course improvements are planned for 2015 in hopes of speeding up play

Please submit additional questions or comments to [mikeme@gjcity.org](mailto:mikeme@gjcity.org)



**CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION  
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
2015 MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE FEES**

CATEGORY	FEES	
<b>SEASON TICKETS</b>		
Unlimited	\$430.00	
Limited	\$345.00	
Junior LIMITED	\$ 75.00	
Golf Cart Pass	\$260.00	
<b>GREEN FEES W/SEASON TICKET</b>	9 hole fee / 18 hole fee	
	<b>Tiara Rado</b>	<b>Lincoln Park</b>
Unlimited Pass Green Fees	\$ 9.00/\$14.00	\$ 9.00/\$14.00
Limited Pass Green Fees	\$ 9.00/\$14.00	\$ 9.00/\$14.00
Junior Limited Pass Green Fees	\$3.00/\$5.00	\$3.00/\$5.00
Cart Fee with Golf Cart Pass	\$4.00/\$6.00	\$4.00/\$6.00
<b>DAILY GREEN FEES</b>		
	<b>Tiara Rado</b>	<b>Lincoln Park</b>
Green Fee: Monday -Thursday	\$19.00/\$35.00	\$16.00/\$26.00
Green Fee: Friday - Sunday	\$21.00/\$38.00	\$16.00/\$26.00
Junior Green Fee Monday - Thursday: Under 18 years of age	\$8.00/\$13.00	\$8.00/\$13.00
Junior Green Fee Friday – Sunday: Under 18 years of age after 12:00	\$8.00/\$13.00	\$8.00/\$13.00
College Student Fee: Must Provide a valid student ID	N/A	\$11.00/\$21.00
Last Call Rates: Daily daylight special for walking only.	\$9.00	\$9.00
Cart Fee: Cart fees are charged per rider	\$9.00/\$15.00	\$9.00/\$15.00
Rental Clubs	\$10.00/\$18.00	\$10.00/\$18.00
Rental Pull Cart	\$3.00/\$5.00	\$3.00/\$5.00

**Unlimited:**

Valid at both courses anytime - 7 days/week and holidays.

**Limited:****Lincoln Park** - Valid anytime – 7 days a week and holidays.**Tiara Rado** - Valid Monday through Thursday anytime;  
Friday, Saturday, and Sunday including holidays after 12:00 p.m.

Traci Wieland - It's Friday . . .

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It's Friday.  
 We're careening headlong into the weekend.  
 Here are a few thoughts on why that's great.

*There's going to be a TON of girls playing basketball tomorrow.*

Saturday will see 404 girls from second through sixth grades suiting up to play Rec basketball games. That's 44 teams from Fruita, Grand Junction, Palisade, and even Collbran. It's parents, grandparents, and siblings in the stands cheering them on. It's 18 elementary schools and seven middle schools opening the doors to their gymnasiums for games and practices. It's 200 basketballs, 88 coaches, and 25 officials in 35 head-to-head matches across our Valley. It's *innumerable* miles on the drive train of our Youth Basketball Coordinator's Honda CR-V to hang baskets and supervise parents, kids, coaches, and staff. That's what community looks like, and it's amazing.

The little girl that lives down the street? Next door? She's learning how to dribble, pass, and shoot. She's also learning to respect herself, her teammates, and her coach. She's learning to respect the game. Maybe she's learning she's great at basketball. Maybe she's learning she's not. But she's learning, and that's what tomorrow is all about.

Her volunteer coach is learning too. Patience. Losing with grace. Winning with humility. The pick and roll. How to corral ten seven year-olds girls, all of whom have the equivalent of huge, bright orange Superballs in their hands. They may learn they love coaching. They may learn they *never* want to coach again, but they're glad they tried it, even just this once. *That's* what tomorrow is all about.

Her mom and dad are also learning. They're learning to cheer for *everyone*. They're learning to take joy in their daughter's accomplishments, and how to console her after a failure. They're learning their daughter, while she may never be a starting forward in the WNBA, *loves this game*, and the girls she's

playing with (and against) will be her friends for the rest of her life, even though they just met for the first time at practice last week. That right there? *That's what tomorrow is all about.*

Rec league youth sports have a lasting impact on the kids, coaches, and parents who participate in them. Positive encouragement, teamwork, good sportsmanship, dignity in defeat and humility in victory -- these are the characteristics of good leaders, good managers, good employees, good students, good teachers . . . good *people*. At the end of all of it, that's our mission -- to help this community create good people -- and we could never attempt to reach it without *you*. So here's a heartfelt thanks to those of you who will be filling the bleachers at your local middle school tomorrow, and a rousing cheer to the dreamers and learners on the hardwood. Let's have a great weekend.

See you tomorrow,

Your Grand Junction Parks and Recreation Department

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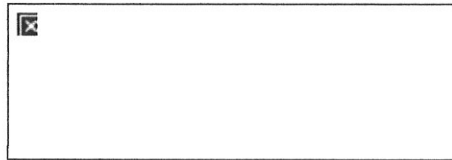
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It's Friday.  
We're ALL working for the weekend.  
Here are a few thoughts on why that's great.

*We're here for you. Won't you return the favor?*

We don't have to tell you you're inundated -- you already know it. Ads, texts, robocalls, flyers, posters, signs, direct mailers, catalogs, Facebook ads, Twitter, Instagram, Spotify, Pandora, the list is endless. No matter where you look, you can't avoid being communicated *at*. Every other message in your inbox is from a business or organization that wants money, time, *something*. This particular message is no different. We want something too. We want to communicate *with* you.

See, the standing first order of business in our weekly Recreation division meeting is "New Programs." Every week our staffers sit in the conference room and present a new idea or two to kick around. Sometimes those ideas solidify in to new programs or events. Sometimes they don't. And that's fine. The problem is that while our hobbies and interests vary from person to person, they still only truly represent the interests of the handful of people actually in that room in any given week. Maybe those program ideas and offerings represent your interests, but it is far more likely that they don't. It's a numbers game.

What we would ask of you on this chilly weekend is to talk to us. Tomorrow morning, pour one more cup of coffee and click [here](#). That's going to open a new e-mail that will go straight to our inbox. Take a few minutes to let us know who you are and what you're in to. Tell us what you'd like to see offered in our activity guide. Let us know if you're interested in running a program through Parks and Recreation! Let us know about a good experience you had in one of our programs. Tell us about a negative experience. Communicate *with* us.

We'd like to truly make *our* Department *your* Department. The best way to do that is to invite you, all of you, to be present for our weekly meetings. Since the conference room only seats about fifteen, your e-mails will have to

suffice. We can't promise every idea will turn in to a program offering or an overhaul to an existing program. What we can promise is that we will lend our creativity, resources, and passion for recreation to pursuing viable ideas and improving current and future programs and events. Count on us to be here for you. All we ask is that you return the favor.

See you tomorrow,

Your Grand Junction Parks and Recreation Department

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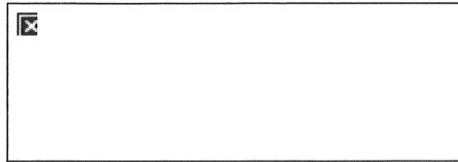


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It's Friday.  
We couldn't be more grateful.  
Here are a few thoughts on why that's great.

*This year, we're thankful for . . .*

We were talking about things we're thankful for the other day here at Parks and Recreation. We didn't hold hands and go around the table, each reciting a list of what we've been thankful for in the last year -- although it's a wonderful tradition, and one that many of us will observe next Thursday. We just started thinking and talking about what we as a Department are thankful for. Here (in no particular order) are some excerpts of that list:

Being able to wear shorts *most* of the year. To work. We're not gloating, it's just a part of the job we like and are grateful for. Same goes with flip-flops.

The smell of chlorine, sunscreen, and NASA-hot cement at Lincoln Park-Moyer Pool.

The number of you who wrote back after last week's letter to let us know what programs and events you'd like to see in the future. *Thank you.*

The crack of an aluminum bat on a bright yellow softball. In mid-February.

The tik-tak-tik-tak of a heated pre-dawn pickleball game.

Driving past one of the 36 parks in town on a weekend and seeing families enjoying themselves. Or old couples taking walks hand-in-hand. Or kids playing on a jungle gym. Together. Outside.

The look of simultaneous unimaginable terror and immense pride in the eyes of a fifteen-year old lifeguard who has just made her first rescue.

The cheers at the finish line of the Highline Hustle, Filthy 5K, and Jingle Bell Run. Even better? The cheers at the finish line of the track events of the Senior Games. Seriously. It's so amazing and inspiring.

Every business owner or employee whose eyes light up when one of us ask them: "Are you interested in running classes in our activity guide?" We're pretty grateful when they get the same look if we ask them to sponsor one of our events, too.

The enthusiasm and excitement in the air at any one of our voluntary board meetings, from Trail Hosts to the Commission on Arts and Culture.

The endless joy of wet, wagging tails when dogs get the run of the pool at the end of another summer season. Dog Days is *the best*.

The sheepish submission of a job application for summer employment from a former camp participant who spent most of their days at camp in time-out. And the smile on their face when they get a job offer. And the smiles on ours when they end up being a total rock-star.

The squeak of sneakers on a gym floor. Doesn't matter the size, doesn't matter the season, doesn't matter the reason. We just love that sound.

The list goes on. But what we all are the most grateful for, Thanksgiving week or otherwise, is you, our community of patrons, supporters, participants, instructors, contractors, and sponsors. We are thankful for the *incredible* opportunity you give us to positively impact this community that we all adore. We know you have tasked us with the responsibility to make fun *easy*. To make it *safe*. To make it *available to all*.

Everything we do in Parks and Recreation has, at it's core, those fundamental principles. We are guided by these simple rules, and for that, we are thankful. We do what we love, and love what we do. *Thanks to you*.

Have a very happy and safe Thanksgiving,

Your Grand Junction Parks and Recreation Department

P.S. You won't be getting a letter from us next Friday. Enjoy the holiday. Eat too much. Love your family and friends. Stay warm. Stay sane.

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<p>Thanks for this opportunity to communicate! We enjoy your flag football program. Have participated for three years and just love it. We were thrilled with your two open track meets this past fall. Our 10 year old twin boys had such a wonderful time and they cherish the ribbons they won. The woman who organized these events was amazing – professional, organized, and very approachable. On that note, my husband is the Throwing Coach for the Track and Field Team at CMU. He would love to get involved with the Open Meets next year. His email is cc'd above. Thank you for all you do! We love your programs.</p> <p>VR, Liz</p>	<p>11/14/2014</p>
<p>id like to see more wheelchair access and bicycling paths thru the parks keep up the good work. u guys are tops. Jink WOW, what a powerful, well-written message! Great job communicating the current planning situation and your request for input! I, for one, will definitely be sharing my thoughts with you in the near future.</p>	<p>11/14/2014 11/14/2014</p>
<p>I really hope you bring back Stand Up Paddleboarding in the spring, because I really wanted to register but the dates were full. Thanks! Laurel</p>	<p>11/14/2014</p>
<p>I am responding to your e-mail: "It's Friday. We're ALL working for the weekend. Here are a few thoughts on why that's great." I don't have any specific ideas for you now, but I have attached a very interesting article about the future of Cities and their use of the Internet and thought you might be able to get some ideas from it. You may also want to share it with other departments of the City of GI.</p>	<p>11/14/2014</p>
<p>Hi Traci, I love this email you sent out. Very well crafted, even though I was a little disappointed there was no request for money like so many of the other ads (I/K). I'd love to hear some of the responses you get back at the next board meeting. I'll even throw my own idea out there that I keep forgetting to bring up at our board meetings. My wife and I really enjoy playing volleyball, and when we first moved here we were excited to hear there were doubles grass leagues in the summer time, but then we were disappointed to see that it was women only, and that there were no co-ed doubles vball leagues in the summer time. It would be cool to see co-ed and men's doubles leagues offered as well. Heck, I'd even be willing to help run it if need be. Anyway, just an idea.</p>	<p>11/14/2014</p>
<p>Best regards, Kyle</p>	
<p>Wow...several grammar errors in your email blast. Someone needs to proof read!</p>	<p>11/14/2014</p>
<p>Cathy I think it's great that you're asking! We're a no-kids family that likes to hike, bike, &amp; snowshoe. and we're not all that chatty, so that's it! *) winking</p>	<p>11/14/2014</p>

<p>Dear Parks and Recreation, Great newsletter soliciting for feedback and communication. I only have great things to say about the Parks and Recreation Department. I've worked with your staff for about 9 years now for the nonprofit I'm involved with, Riverside Educational Center (REC). I have also taken advantage of the many classes with my sons over the years and have really appreciated your growth and course offerings. It's impressive how far the Department has come in a short amount of time. Thank you for this service. Why I'm really writing is to thank you for being open to serving a population of students who wouldn't otherwise be able to attend the fun classes, workshops and camps. The Parks and Recreation Department offers a scholarship program. REC has referred many of our students to you because you offer this service. In addition, every year through Grant a Wish a handful or more of our students receive free classes or scholarships to other extracurricular activities in the community. Each year, I get to hear the student stories about their football games, their swimming lessons or their tennis classes. It is so rewarding to hear the joy and enthusiasm in their stories about their experiences. This is so important for them to build on their self-esteem and self-worth. All of this affects their ability to be a healthy individual at home and at school. From where I am standing, all of you in this office are doing great work. Keep it up! Warmly, Mary Gonzales Co-Executive Director Riverside Educational Center</p>	<p>11/14/2014</p>
<p>Hi Traci, In response to your email sent yesterday . . . My daughters had been in the summer swim lessons at Lincoln Park. My 13-year-old just started swimming with Maverick Aquatics at CMU until middle school track starts in the spring. My 11-year-old daughter has a gap between fall soccer with Grand Junction Soccer Club, and winter indoor soccer. She would benefit from more swim lessons. I always forget that Orchard Mesa pool might offer those during the winter. The fact that they had a shorter summer break meant that we didn't end up signing up either one for the summer Girls on the Run camp or swim lessons this past summer. We needed time for a trip and for them to attend a church camp they like. Anyhow, that's our story!</p>	<p>11/15/2014</p>
<p>Offer classes on learning how to play Pickleball. Offer classes for evenings or weekends this springs so that those of us who work can sign up. Thanks Pam</p>	<p>11/15/2014</p>
<p>Name: Travis Reed I am very interested in a running a program through the Parks &amp; Recreation. This past year, I participated in a pickle ball tournament, which was rather enjoyable. I am also interested in hearing what are some of the responses were that you received. Thanks For Reaching Out</p>	<p>11/15/2014</p>

<p>How about a kids cooking camp or something. We were on vacation and the resort offered a sushi making class 1-2 hrs and pasta making also 2-3 hrs. Maybe not a whole week, but days here and there over a break. I think the kids would need to be a bit older - my son is 11 and he did well. Maybe even a parent/child class.</p>	<p>11/15/2014</p>
<p>Thank you for the opportunity to send feedback about Grand Junction Parks &amp; Recreation! It is so apparent that you all do a wonderful job serving the children and families in our county! It's awesome to see so many people benefiting from your services! Well done!</p> <p>Several years ago, the Bookcliff activity center had drop-in yoga and aerobic exercise classes- these were awesome! The price was right on and they were offered in the evenings. As someone whose work day ends around 5:30 these were perfect! Plus, the drop-in schedule worked very well for me. I would love to see these offered again. Or, of course, a recreation center facility in GJ would be highly appreciated.</p> <p>Also, as someone who does not have children and is under 40, there seems to be a lack of fun activities. I saw that there were mystery theater dinners for the 40+ crowd offered recently. Some of my co-workers and I would have loved to attend, but we are not all over 40. Why was 40 the cut-off age?</p> <p>Overall, keep up the good work! And, please consider the youngish-adults-with-no-kids crowd. The bar scene isn't for some of us.</p> <p>Thank you for your time, Amy</p>	<p>11/15/2014</p>
<p>I have developed a program for writers called Writer's Journey: Your Story as a Hero's Journey. This program steps writers through structuring their stories as a hero's journey. It could be a 12-week course for creative writers.</p> <p>I am also interested in presenting a one day workshop on creating a Vision Board. I hold a MA in counseling and a BA in Journalism. You can find out more about me at: <a href="http://www.JuliaWiddop.com">www.JuliaWiddop.com</a>. If you are interested in talking with me or having me present a proposal, please let me know. I can be reached at: <a href="mailto:Julia@JuliaWiddop.com">Julia@JuliaWiddop.com</a>, or you can call me at: 970-200-5683.</p> <p>Warmly, Julia</p>	<p>11/17/2014</p>
<p>We were treated horribly by a janitor at dos rios elementary school !!!!</p>	<p>11/16/2014</p>

<p>Thanks for the opportunity to input! I work with the Western Colorado Writers Forum in their program to teach writing to those in the community who are often not able to get such teaching, such as the homeless, abused, elderly, youth, and veterans. I am currently doing my fourth class, and they have been such rewarding experiences that I know I will continue. In the spirit of this, I have often thought it would be good to have a place open every day where crafters take turns sitting in to help those who want to learn. I envision there being days or part days for certain crafts - beadwork, scrapbooking, leather work, fabric etc. I would certainly make myself available for a half day each week to teach beadwork. At the same time, it would be good to have someone there for general problem solving. As a member of the Jewelry Guild, I have had some experience trying to get classes going. We have given up mass classes in favor of independent one-on-one teaching because it is so hard to get people together in one place at the same time.</p> <p>I have also found that a lot of people will try making a project from a how-to book and get stuck and need help. These are people who do not want to (or maybe can't) join a group. I know there are talented people in this community and it would take a force as big as Park &amp; Rec. to find and gather these people, both the teachers and the students, into one source. As a newcomer to GJ in 1999, it took me many years to even find the groups that are available for crafting. And then, of course, I ended up helping to start one of my own. I don't see this as being the same as the Art Center, but more along the lines of working institute where people come to learn and work together. The more available it is, especially free for people in need, the better.</p> <p>Another thought - I think the Junior League park along the river and the Redlands Parkway would be a great, and very visible venue for a summer craft fair. I would like to see a fair in GJ for ONLY GJ and area artists. The downtown Art &amp; Music Festival is great, but a lot of those people come from out of town. I know many Art Jewelers Guild members who would appreciate such an opportunity. Thanks again. Hope this come to some fruition....</p>	<p>11/15/2014</p>
<p>Hey Tracy, I have called and talked with Ron (he was who I was transferred to in the city dept. ) several times about replacing the basket on #6 hole at the golf course. He said it was removed because the discs were being thrown into the backyard of my neighbors. I explained to him that was the #1 hole and the basket and concrete pad was taking out last year. Number six is right in the middle of the course and there are not any houses near or even close to this hole. He said he understood and has had a lot of calls about this one missing. I live at 619 28 3/4 road and since the city has removed two holes from the original 18 hole course the golfers are trying to throw different ways to get the full 18 holes in. They throw back using #2 pad and throw towards #2 basket and I have had several discs hit my house and others land in my yard. It would be nice to get the basket put back up and add one more to the course to make it back into a 18 hole course. There is lots of room to add another in the area that will be last to be developed on the east side of the Indian wash. I use the course quite a lot and also try to direct out of town golfers and first timers but it is hard to explain why there are baskets not there and only 16 holes. Thanks</p>	<p>11/15/2014</p>
<p>Hi Tracie: You already know me - Shirley Nilsen. I have an 11 year old boy who really had fun at the tween summer camp. So what I would like to see is more of those type of camps on their days off during the school year. Like during Thanksgiving break. He really enjoyed the ice skating maybe or something at Spin City. If you could have some Middle School activities that are right after school - they get out at 2:40 everyday, like the theater classes or Lego Robotics anything that will deter them from watching TV for an hour or two. Thank you for being interested!</p>	<p>11/16/2014</p>
<p>Simply...THANK YOU! Our son and our family enjoys many activities that would not be possible without our wonderful GJ Parks &amp; Rec!</p>	<p>11/21/2014</p>

Love this! Thanks, Traci	11/21/2014
WHAT A BEAUTIFUL LETTER!!! Just another reminder of how lucky we are to live in this valley!! There is always soooo much to do. If anyone complains about being bored, he must be sitting in a dark room with no paper or TV! Happy Thanksgiving.....We are grateful for all the Parks and Rec do every day (just about) to make our lives more enjoyable and active. Ed and Janet Hokanson	11/21/2014
Thanks, Traci. It is great to know you are thankful. I am thankful for a great Parks and Rec. . . . and (keep my fingers crossed) a new park by my home.	11/21/2014
Question: I bought a punch ticket for yoga and I haven't used it yet. I want to and will have more time in 2015. Will it still be good?	
Have a great holiday, Mel	
Dear Parks and Recreation - Programs and Events we would like to see: we would be grateful for yoga programs for all ages to be offered at the Parks and Recreation. We also would be grateful for a variety of dance classes for pre-teens (tweens) and teens. And we are sure there would be a lot of community involvement for any theatre events. And another thing that would be good is volunteer opportunities in the community. Thank you for the wonderful work you do, Ms. Tice and Family	11/21/2014
Thank you for such a wonderful letter, and delightful visual images.	
My own kids have been through many of those programs, including track meets, refing basketball, being a lifeguard (which was an awesome experience for my daughter),etc.	11/22/2014
I personally enjoy receiving the Seasonal Activity Guide and seeing what's new and interesting. So thank you for the wonderful thoughts, and may you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving!	

<p>Thanks for the opportunity to provide input on Parks and Rec programs. In the past I have enjoyed both bellydancing classes and basic dog obedience courses that were offered through the city. I like the idea of the monthly Brown Bag garden talk series you have been offering in conjunction with the Botanic Gardens, but scheduling has prevented me from attending any of them. Here are some ideas I would like to see for future classes:</p> <p>Emergency preparedness: Citizens need to take responsibility for being ready when the power grid crashes or huge snows close the Highway and groceries can't get through. There are numerous Preppers who would be interested in sharing their knowledge. Even a class on what to carry in one's vehicle might be helpful to Californians and other flatlanders who move here.</p> <p>Xeriscape gardening and water reduction information: I am glad to see the city using xeric plants and pollinator attractive plants in landscape projects. It is a desert. Lawns are stupid except as a means of weed control. A class on soil chemistry for the homeowner would be helpful as well as a class on non-chemical weed control. Both Mesa County and CSU Extension have been understaffed and have not been able to provide much education. More community gardens would also be great as there are waiting lists for the very few that do exist. I host a monthly garden talk show on KAFM radio and would gladly have guests on from the city to promote any garden or horticulture related programs.</p> <p>Grand Junction's suicide rate is mind boggling. We have a suicide prevention coalition which does a lot of fundraising but charges quite a lot for classes. Many of the at risk folks and people who could help them are not able to afford these classes. The solution doesn't lie in getting everyone on prescription drugs, but rather building a sense of community. Classes on stress management techniques or overcoming depression could be helpful without competing with our rather lame mental health provider.</p> <p>On another note, who takes care of the awesome rose garden at Lincoln Park? In the past I think the rose society did it but it also provides a good place for a rose care class in mid-April.</p> <p>Let me know if I can help to promote any outdoor related programs. I have the ability to record show segments ahead of time so we could get some things put together this winter to play on the radio during the summer when we are all busy.</p> <p>Thanks,</p>	<p>11/22/2014</p>
<p>sit in aznd use a manual wheelchair in parks of ur choosing for a dai wheelchair access is nlke access jlnk</p>	<p>11/23/2014</p>
<p>WOW! I haven't read something so wonderful in a very long time! It made me laugh and smile—and want to be involved! Thank you for writing something so simple, so beautiful, touching and so true!</p>	<p>11/25/2014</p>

Thank you so much for this, and every, note you send on Fridays. My family and I love them. Happy Holidays to you and yours as well!

19-Dec

VR,

Liz

Larry,  
I don't know who writes this - but please tell them job well done! It's a very good reminder for so many people - I hope lots of people read it!  
Cathy

19-Dec



Thank you SO MUCH for the wonderful words! I think we can make a difference in small ways and you have given some easy ways to re-look at life!  
Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!  
Karen (new GI resident!)

19-Dec

Thanks--good advice!

20-Dec

Good Job! I hope you have a very Merry Christmas, and a well-deserved break. I really admire the job you guys do with your department.

20-Dec

Linda (a fan from SW Colorado!)

Wonderful. I needed that. Bless all of you.  
Lenna

21-Dec