

## **Manager's Update – April 20, 2023**

**Community Garden Action Plan:** The Recreation Director and I met to discuss an action plan for the Community Garden at Seven Pastures. We hope to move forward in two phases.

In the short term, we would conduct a Phase I/II environmental assessment of the property and analysis of utility availability at the site. The existing gazebo will be used by the public and can be rented out for events, similar to the Dedman Stage and other municipal facilities. The existing community garden at the School would continue to be used during the transition time, and several volunteer days will be planned to encourage the community to engage with preparing and caring for the new Community Garden.

The longer-term phase of the action plan will delve into logistics related to parceling out space for and constructing individual garden beds, and improving the property to include retaining walls, a compost area, a tool shed, and more. We will likely request funds from the Assembly in the future in order to support the planned work.

**Accessible Libraries Grant Award:** Earlier this year, the Library Director applied for a “Libraries Transforming Communities (LTC): Accessible Small and Rural Communities Grant” with the hope of installing an automatic, accessible door for the front of the library. Assemblymember Deb Potter brought this to the attention of the Assembly, and Mayor Cremata wrote a letter of support for the application. The Library has been notified that they have been awarded a \$20,000 grant. I will be bringing forward information to the Assembly for its May 4 meeting so it can consider approval to accept the grant funds.

### **Clinic Interim Executive Director's Update:**

- April 24th and 25th Mammography van at the clinic. Please call (907) 479-3909 to schedule an appointment.
- April 24th and 25th WIC (Women, Infants, and Children ages 4 and under). Kim and Natalie will be arriving on the ferry on Monday afternoon (April 24th). They will be in the clinic that afternoon. Kim and Natalie indicated they will be at the Skagway Traditional Council Tuesday morning (April 25th). Please stop by either the clinic or STC if interested in, or learning more about, WIC
- April 27th (Thursday) Child Find at the school with Dr. Amy Dressel from Glacier Pediatrics
- April 28th (Friday) Dr. Dressel will be in the clinic seeing patients
- May 1st (Monday) Dr. Dressel will be in the clinic seeing patients

### **Recreation Director's Update:**

We have a lot of upcoming shifts at the Rec Center for the spring and summer season! We have extended our hours nearly every day of the week to accommodate our patrons and their schedules. Two out of our three summer seasonals have started work and are settling in very well. Aaron Thompson and Jessica Jagelski have joined the team for the season. Facility use has been increasing weekly with the arrival of Skagway's seasonal workforce. Members have seen the staff very busy with changes to our office space and cardio floor. Our goal is to create more of an open feel in the facility and space out the equipment more evenly.

The Recreation Board met on Monday April 17th and they gave their support to begin the process of ending the sea kayak program at the Rec. There is correspondence to the assembly on the matter from the board and we believe if we can sell the kayaks & equipment the funds raised can be used to purchase new outdoor equipment for community use.

Some exciting upcoming events:

- The Community Rummage Sale is back! We are seeking volunteers to do intake and set-up April 25-27th, help with the sale April 28th-30th, and clean-up efforts April 30th-May 1st. Sign-ups for volunteer shifts are on the front desk at the rec center. All proceeds go to recreation programming.
- The staff has been diligently working on planning the Summer Youth Program! Registration opens May 1st and cost is \$100/week. This camp is being offered for youth who will be entering 4th-6th grade in the fall of 2023. Camp dates are June 5th-8th, 12th-15th, 19th-22nd and July 10th-13th, 17th-20th, 24th-27th. Times are Noon-5:00pm daily, except on excursion days.

We anticipate even more exciting changes happening throughout the summer.

Thank you, KayLynn Howard

**Library Director's Update:**

This Saturday and Sunday, the library will be hosting a spring sale to help locals and visitors alike prepare for the summer season. From 12:00 to 5:00 pm each day this weekend, stop by to browse DVDs, Alaskan, and antique books for sale. All proceeds to benefit the library. And from 1:00 to 2:00 pm on Saturday, the Library Board will be hosting a tea party adjacent to the sale – come enjoy tea, cookies, and a warm welcome to Skagway.