THE WEEK THAT WAS

SIERRA OPEN HOUSE AND WATER SAFETY DAY!

Last Saturday, the Sierra Recreation Center opened its doors to the public with free admission to the center. Guests and members had a chance to experience all the amenities the facility has to offer, including pickleball, weights and cardio in the gym, and the pool.
Additionally, from 2 to 4 pm the recreation center partnered with the OC Drowning Prevention Coalition and the Jasper Ray Foundation to educate the community on drowning prevention and water safety. Guests had a chance to complete the Water Safety Challenge by visiting six different booths and learn about the dangers around water. A rainy morning and overcast weather didn’t stop visitors from participating in our 20-minute Aqua Aerobics Demo or visiting our Bubblemania party in the picnic pavilion! Overall, Sierra staff enjoyed providing tours all day and interacting with the community.
Last Saturday, Mission Viejo Animal Services (MVAS) held its quarterly low-cost drive-through pet vaccine clinic, which was a huge success. During the two-hour clinic, a total of 124 animals were vaccinated, 74 animals received Rabies vaccines and 16 dogs received microchips. MVAS hosts this low-cost vaccination and microchip clinic for pet owners in Mission Viejo, Laguna Niguel, Aliso Viejo, Rancho Santa Margarita, and Laguna Hills about four times a year. MVAS makes it possible for pet owners to provide their furry family members with basic medical care. Low-cost pet vaccine clinics enable those with little financial resources to immunize their pets against Rabies, distemper, and Bordetella without incurring a veterinary visit fee. These clinics are also very important for the following two reasons. The Rabies vaccine is required by law. Rabies is fatal to both animals and people. Second, while the other diseases pets are immunized are equally infrequent, they are highly deadly and expensive to treat, if they can be treated at all. The best way to keep pets safe is to vaccinate them to prevent these infections from arising in the first place. MVAS is proud to provide an affordable and simple method for keeping pets happy and healthy.
On Sunday, May 21, the City partnered with the Pacific Symphony to host our inaugural “Symphony on the Go” concert in Pavion Park. An enthusiastic audience of about 250 people brought their beach chairs and blankets to enjoy a performance featuring a quintet of Pacific Symphony brass musicians who played popular favorites ranging from “Simple Gifts” to “West Side Story.” Attendees enjoyed pre-concert fun including lawn games, food trucks, and a booth hosted by the Mission Viejo Cultural Arts Committee. This concert is one of five special programs the City has coordinated with Pacific Symphony this spring. This program series concludes with another “Symphony on the Go” event on Saturday, June 24 at Sycamore Park.
KID’S YOGA AT THE LIBRARY

This past week, children and their caregivers enjoyed yoga at the library! Certified yoga instructor Gina Velez hosted four yoga programs geared toward kids five and younger. Gina masterfully combined movement, mindfulness, and storytelling to reinforce early childhood development skills like self-regulation and social-emotional learning. There was also plenty of balancing, stretching, and strengthening. There is nothing cuter than watching kids try yoga for the first time!

Keep an eye out for our next set of early learning grant-funded programs called “Music Class with Ladybug Music,” scheduled for June 19-21.
Mission Viejo Tennis finishes the 2022/23 PacSun Tennis season with two Champions. The C-2 (1) team finished in first place, captained by Karina Bennet and Laura Schlom. The Senior C team also finished in first place, captained by Brenda Hanrath and Consuelo Symons. PacSun is a competitive inter-club ladies tennis league in Orange County that hosts 25 clubs and more than 2,000 players. Mission Viejo fields thirteen teams and more than 150 members participate. Honorable mention is the B-2 team, which finished in second place and the C-2 (2) team which finished in third place. Congratulations to all the players on an incredible season.

Florence Joyner Olympiad Park received a new 3-bay swing set this week. The old swing set was removed due to safety concerns generated from weekly playground safety inspections. The swing set was missed by many park patrons for a few months due to manufacturing delays, but they are now delighted there is a new set available to enjoy.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL SEASON WRAPS UP AT FELIPE

The Felipe Tennis and Recreation Center wrapped up the spring girls’ volleyball season which ran January through May. Felipe hosted volleyball programs for more than seven youth organizations and schools in addition to regular member play on the courts. Courts were primarily booked in the afternoon from 1 to 5:30 pm and provided space for teams to practice. Toward the end of the season, Felipe hosted several games and match play days as schools kicked off the first official CIF season for the sport.

BUSINESS UPDATE

Philz Coffee has submitted a tenant improvement plan for a 1,420 square-foot lease space in the newly developed Alicia Landing, at 2440 Alicia Parkway (in the Target Center). The first Philz Coffee shop opened on January 1, 2003 in the Mission District of San Francisco. There are now stores across California and Chicago. The Mission Viejo location will be the fifth in Orange County, with shops currently in Fullerton, Huntington Beach, Old Towne Orange and South Coast Metro.