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AGENDA ITEM #6

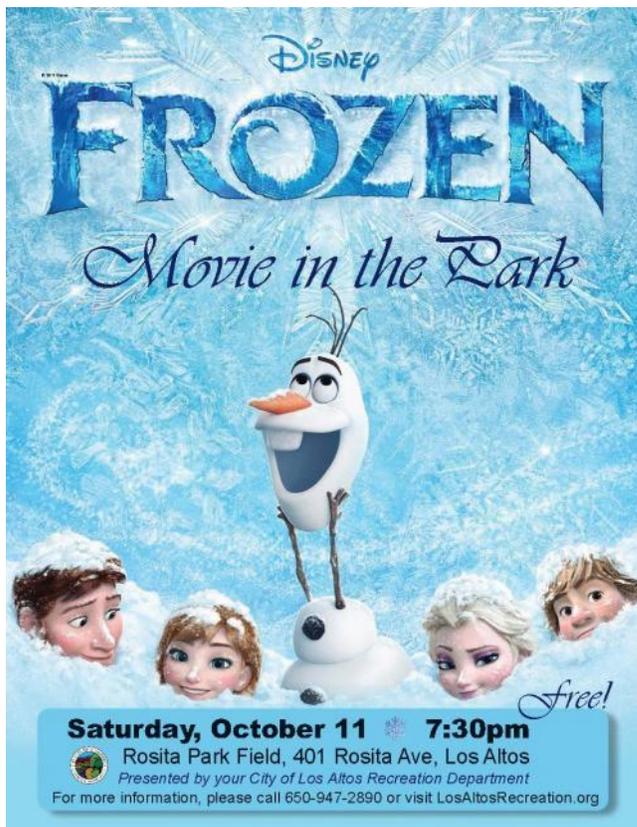
AGENDA REPORT

TO: Parks & Recreation Commission
FROM: Beverly Tucker, Recreation Director
SUBJECT: Monthly Staff Update
RECOMMENDATION:

Receive report

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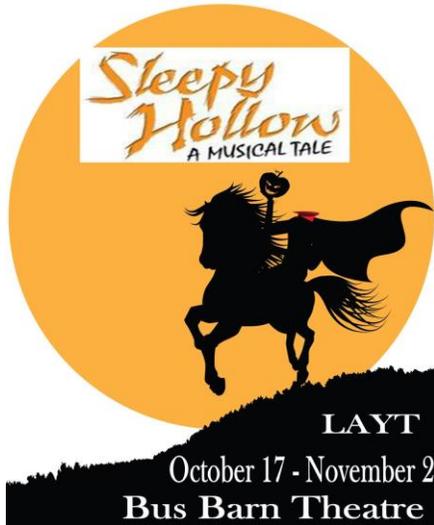
The Recreation Department is sponsoring a free outdoor screening of the hit Disney© movie Frozen on Saturday, October 11 at Rosita Park. Attendees are encouraged to bring a low-back chair and/or blankets. In anticipation of a large audience, the staff arranged with Los Altos School District for overflow parking at the Covington School parking lot and District Offices on 201 Covington Road.



Sleepy Hollow

This season the Recreation Department's Los Altos Youth Theatre is producing "Sleepy Hollow, a Musical Tale". Twenty-eight youth are divided into two casts and began rehearsing on September 2. There are eight performances on weekends from October 17 through November 2, 2014 in the Bus Barn Theatre. Tickets may be purchased online through an agreement with the Los Altos Stage Company:

<http://losaltosstage.tix.com/Schedule.aspx?OrgNum=739>



Parks Make Life Better

The Recreation Department staff has begun working on integrating the California Parks & Recreation Society's promotional program "Parks Make Life Better" into the Department's core mission and marketing plan. The Parks Make Life Better logo will appear first on the cover of the Winter 2015 activity guide and then additional branding methods will be used along with media outreach. Staff will continue to update the Commission as new components are introduced.



Personnel Updates

Senior Programs:

With Candace Avina going out on maternity leave shortly, Cherie Anderson has been hired as the Interim Recreation Coordinator for Senior Programs. Cherie has a strong background in public recreation programs and non-profits and served as the Director of the City of Glendale Senior Center. Recreation Supervisor, Greg Milano, will serve as the Senior Commission Staff Liaison while Candace is on leave.

Recreation Director:

A repeat of the message I emailed to the PARC on September 29:

I would like to share with you that I am leaving the City of Los Altos for a position as Parks & Recreation Director with the City of Olivette in St Louis County, Missouri. My last day with the City of Los Altos is October 15.

We are working on an interim plan for leadership in the Recreation Department as the City recruits a new director. I will be at the October PARC meeting and will be able to give you a status update at that time.

I will miss working with all of you and thank you for your commitment to quality parks and recreation programs for the Los Altos community. I wish you great success with the new community center and continued success improving the City's parks. Your volunteer efforts are a vital part of Los Altos and your work enriches the entire community. Thank you.

Interim Update:

As of Thursday, October 2, an Interim Recreation Director has not yet been appointed by the City Manager. I will provide a verbal update during the meeting.