



Message from the Manager

City Manager, Greg Folsom

April 2023 Update



Hello once again. I hope you are finding this monthly update to be informative about what your city government has been doing to improve our city.

State of the City
Suisun City - "Feeling Good"

May 30, 2023
6:00pm - 8:00pm
Joseph Nelson Community Center
611 Village Drive, Suisun City

- Hear from Mayor Hernandez and City Leadership
- Meet with City Council Members, City Departments, and Community Partners
- Appetizers and Beverages Will Be Provided
- Free On-Site Child Care
- Free to Attend



State of the City - Save the Date!

We are excited to announce our annual State of the City event will be held at the **Joseph Nelson Community Center on May 30th at 6pm**. Want to know what is happening next to the new 7-11 on Highway 12 and Walters? Come to this event! Have questions about a recreation program? Come to this event. Mayor Alma Hernandez will provide updates on some of the exciting projects and programs that are happening in Suisun City, as well as some of the challenges we are facing. The event will begin with an "open house" where attendees can meet with representatives of our various city departments, as well as representatives from many of our partner agencies. There will be appetizers and beverages provided, as well as free child care. There is no cost to attend, so hope to see you there!

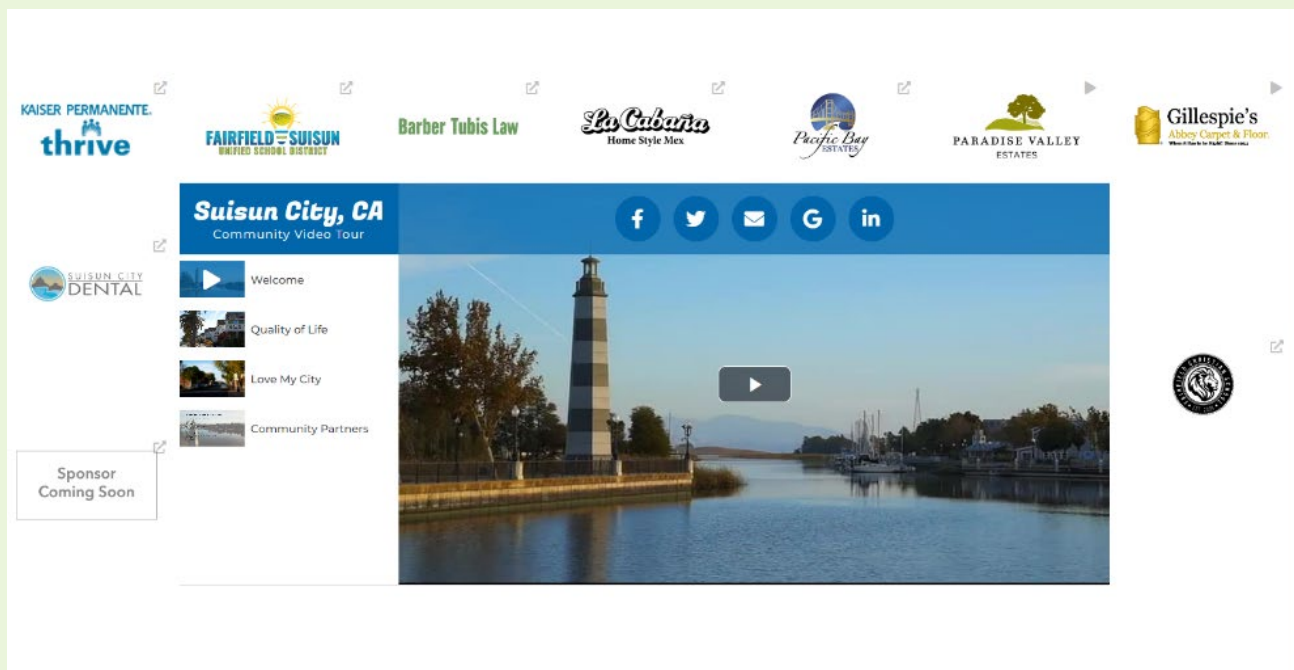
I'm very happy to tell you about some new videos that have been produced that showcase Suisun City and the best of what our city has to offer. These videos, produced by CGI Digital at no cost to the city, aim to provide an inside look at our community and everything that makes it special.

The four videos are:

- Welcome video
- Quality of Life video
- Love My City video
- Community Partners video

Each video highlights a different aspect of Suisun City, including our friendly and welcoming community, our high quality of life, our love for our city, and our strong partnerships with local businesses and other community organizations.

The videos are available to view now on the city's website at www.Suisun.com. Everyone is encouraged to take a look and see for themselves what makes Suisun City such a special place.



City Council

City Council Meeting Highlights (April – 3 meetings):

- Established Beautification Committee
- Supported SB 747 and Opposed AB 480
- Accepted grant funds from North Bay Regional Center for Enhanced Community Integration for Children and Adolescents Program
- Approval of National Opioid Settlement
- Acceptance of state budget funds and approval of purchase of Incident Command Vehicle
- Swearing in of new councilmember, Marlon L. Osum
- Homelessness Forum

City Council Proclamations in April:

1. Proclaiming April 2, 2023 as Education and Sharing Day
2. Proclaiming April 9-15 as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week
3. Proclaiming the month of April as Autism Awareness Month
4. Proclamation for Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary 2333

Development Services Department

Code Enforcement Updates

Erin Drive

Last September, the residence experienced a fire and has remained in disrepair for months. The fire's aftermath affected multiple neighbors as rodents and ash migrated from the property to the surrounding neighborhood. The inaction on the property resulted in a code enforcement case in which, over several months, Code Enforcement has attempted to contact the owner. After sticking with this case, Code Enforcement is happy to share that improvements have commenced to the structure. Based on a recent inspection, the weeds have cleared, and windows and the garage are covered, indicating repairs are occurring to the interior. The neighbors stated that the rodent issue has decreased. The photos below show the progress that has been made on the property.



Sunset Ave Vacant Lot

In January 2023, Code Enforcement inspected the property on the east side of Sunset Avenue. During this visit, we found a homeless encampment that held discarded junk, two tents, and a small fire. After working with the property owner, the property has fully transitioned from a lot filled with trash and an encampment to a clear one with no occupants on the property. These are the before and after photos.



Tractor Supply Company (TSC)

I'm very excited about this project! Tractor Supply is finally happening and an official groundbreaking was held on April 27th to officially kick off the development of this project. We had a great turnout of elected officials and VIPs! Tractor Supply Company has a policy of not locating another store within 15 miles, so Suisun City will have the only TSC in the area! According to the developer, the project should be completed by October in order to be open for the Christmas shopping season! Look for a ribbon cutting in the fall!



Starbucks Ground Breaking

Local dignitaries celebrated the ground breaking on Monday, April 24, for Starbucks' newest location in Suisun City, California. The new coffee shop will be located at the corner of Walters Road and Highway 12 and is expected to open this fall. The new Starbucks will be 2,200 square feet with a 625 square foot outdoor patio seating area, along with a double drive thru that will accommodate seventeen vehicles. This will be the second location for Starbucks in Suisun City. The new Starbucks location will offer a warm and welcoming atmosphere, free Wi-Fi, and a wide selection of coffee, tea, and other delicious beverages. Customers can also enjoy a range of breakfast and lunch options, including pastries, sandwiches, and salads.



Upcoming Planning Commission Meeting

The Planning Commission held a meeting on April 25th. At the meeting, the Commission adopted a resolution modifying a condition of approval specific to greenspace on site. The next meeting is scheduled to occur on May 16th at 6:30 pm.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Happy Administrative Professionals Day:

Michelle Zunino has been a key administrator for both the Fire and Police Departments with Suisun City. She is a tremendous asset to our organization and works very hard balancing both departments and juggling assignments. We appreciate her presence, character and humor and we thank her for being such a great asset to our team! Thank you, Michelle!



Lighthouse Shining Bright:

Suisun City Fire Department assisted Public Works crews this past week by providing Truck 47 to install a new light system for the Lighthouse downtown. Nice to see it shining bright again! Photo credits to Catherin Chandler and Josh Danner.

Solano County Firefighters Quarterly Dinner:

Chief Lopez and Colin attended the Solano County Firefighters Quarterly Dinner hosted by the Suisun Fire Protection District on April 21st.

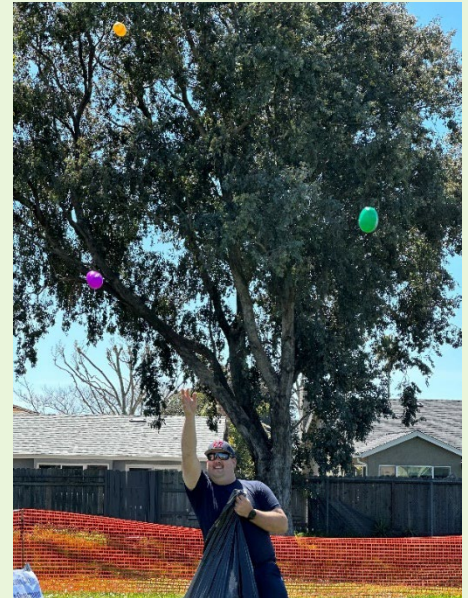
Wild Fire Safety Expo:

The Suisun City Fire Department attended the Wild Fire Safety Expo on April 15th at the Solano Community College over the weekend. On display was a Type 5 Wildland Engine attended by Captain Josh Danner, Engineer Paramedic, Jason Vander Meer, Chief Renucci and Chief Lopez. Several vendors, Fire Department agencies, Medic Ambulance, CAL FIRE and Solano Sheriffs to name a few were in attendance for this community event.



The SCFD Annual Easter Egg Hunt:

Suisun City Fire Department hosted its Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Carl E. Hall Park. The event was well attended by children of all ages and their families. A special thanks to Michelle Zunino and Engineer Richard Anderson for coordinating this year's event.

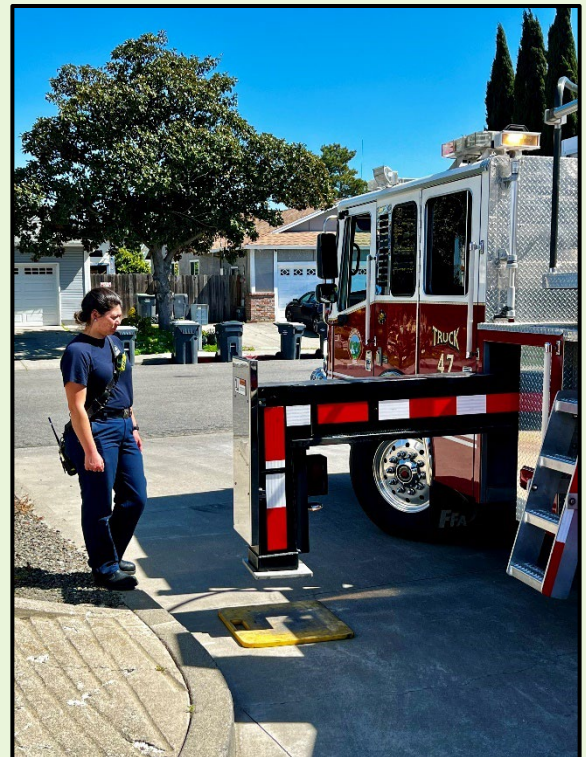


Fire Department Statistics

		April 2023 Stats	
	Fires	11	 Explosion 0
	Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Calls	172	 Hazardous Conditions 1
	Service Calls	31	 Good Intent Calls 20
	False Alarm & False Calls	9	 Severe Weather Calls 0
	Special Incident	0	Total: 249

Training / Operations:

The Training Division, in conjunction with the Operations Chief, continued the in-house truck academy for all Engineers, Captains and Reserve members of the department requiring T47 training. The four-week schedule continued with vehicle set up and aerial placement. All on-duty engine companies spent respective shift afternoon sessions gaining confidence and competence with the truck's aerial operational capabilities.



National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week:

April 9th-15th we celebrated and acknowledged our Suisun City Dispatchers who serve behind the scenes and are the voice we communicate with as First Responders (Police Officers & Firefighters). The Suisun Fire Department would like to acknowledge and commend our Dispatchers who serve with us each and every day. They are the first to handle all 911 emergency calls for service for our city and are tasked with a multitude of non-emergency tasks by taking calls for service and tending to the front counter and the Police Department. Our dispatchers are our unsung heroes, thank you for your dedication and service!



Police Department

Public Safety Dispatcher

The Suisun City Police Department would like to recognize Jessica Escobedo as the 2023 Public Safety Dispatcher of the Year. Jessica was nominated by her peers for her exemplary work as a Public Safety Dispatcher throughout the previous year 2022. Her peers recognized Jessica for being reliable, knowledgeable, hardworking, and excelling as a Public Safety Dispatcher since successfully completing her Communications Training Program in April 2022. Please join us in saying congratulations!

I AM 9-1-1

2023 Dispatcher of the Year

Jessica
Public Safety Dispatcher I

How long have you been a dispatcher at Suisun Police Department?
16 months

What is your motivation for showing up to work?
I've grown up in this community, so the ability to help my community out is a big motivation!

What's the funniest call you've taken?
A business called for an unwanted subject inside the store, dressed in a "blue jumper."
When officers got on scene, they confirmed the blue jumper was actually a shark onesie - shark head, fins, and all!



Lexipol Gold Award

SCPD was awarded the Lexipol Gold Award for our excellence in continued training. This marks the second year in a row that SCPD was given an award due to our staff completing daily training bulletins related to department policy. Lexipol is our policy manual vendor. Lexipol introduces best practices and new case law into our policy manual to ensure we have the very best framework to guide our staff's actions. As part of our partnership with Lexipol, Daily Training Bulletins are sent out for review in the form of written scenarios. These bulletins/scenarios require staff to correctly answer a couple of questions related to the scenario and department policy. Because our staff is continually up to date on completing these "mini trainings," we have been recognized by Lexipol.

Walmart Appreciation

On 4/8/23, Walmart Loss Prevention requested SCPD presence for a Law Enforcement appreciation event. Walmart presented officers with sandwiches, snacks, drinks, and gift bags for SCPD staff. Thank you to Walmart for supporting our staff during Telecommunicators Week and National Police Week!



Police Department Crime Statistics



PUBLIC WORKS

PUBLIC WORKS ENGINEERING:

Lawler Ranch Park – Playground Fall Material Maintenance Project

The vendor who installed the pour-in-place fall material within the two play structure areas met with staff on-site to assess the existing fall material. The vendor recommended that the city perform maintenance and resealing of the fall material for safety and to add some longevity to the life of the product. The maintenance work was performed on Monday, April 10th. Construction fencing was installed to protect both areas and allow the fall material to adequately dry and cure.

Pothole Repair on Highway 12 – CalTrans Project

Caltrans repaired a number of potholes and highway issues during April.

PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE DIVISION:

The Maintenance Division does a lot of work throughout the city. Here is a snapshot of work performed during March:

- Monday and Thursday twice weekly trash runs and illegal dump pickups (approximately 186 trash cans).
- Monday and Thursday twice weekly trash runs in the LLD's.
- Trimmed trees/shrubs, weed abatement, and weed application on Walter Rd. from Bella Vista to East Tabor (Peterson Ranch LLD).
- Sprayed for weeds and detailed turf (Heritage Park LLD).
- Graffiti Removal at Blossom and Pintail.
- Cleaned-up homeless encampment on the 34-acre lot.
- Prepped for BrewBash - painted hand railing, pressure washed stairs at North Basin, put-up barricades, and fencing.
- Fixed irrigation behind City Hall.
- Repaired and replaced the light at the top of Light House.
- Removed old valve boxes and built four (4) new ones at the Sports Complex.
- Mowed Park-N-Ride Parking lot area.
- Mowed triangle on Hwy 12 eastbound on-ramp from Civic Center Blvd.



- Cleaned tack oil trailer.
- Removed homeless encampment by Mike Day Park.
- Preventative maintenance to traffic cabinet - replaced cabinet light.
- Readjusted door at Heritage Bathrooms.
- Repaired sound wall at Harbor Park and on Civic Center Blvd. Installed caps for the end of the wall.
- Repaired an irrigation leak at Merganser and Parkside (Heritage Park LLD).
- Mowed Independence and Patriot Parks (Peterson Ranch LLD).
- Mowed parks in Lawler Ranch LLD.
- Trim and weed abatement (Heritage Park LLD).
- Trimmed tree in Filbert Court (Heritage Park LLD).
- Repaired SWI (Storm Water Inlet) lid on Terry Lane. Please see the photo to the right.
- Fixed traffic lights at the intersection of Merganser and Sunset – both left turn arrows.
- Removed graffiti on Blossom Avenue.
- Repaired irrigation box at Sports Complex.
- Mowed sound wall of Lawler Ranch on HWY 12.
- Weed abatement Potrero Circle and Mayfield Circle.
- Mowed Heritage and mini-park turf area (Heritage Park LLD).
- Mowed and Spray detail Heritage Park.
- Graffiti removal at Blossom and Pintail.
- Mowed triangle - HWY 12 off-ramp.
- Cleaned up the Harbor Theater parking lot.
- Fixed irrigation behind City Hall.
- At Sports Complex removed old valve boxes and built 4 new boxes.
- Detailed and mowed the Sports Complex.
- Repaired electrical wiring at Sports Complex.
- Weed abatement on Walters Road from Petersen Road to Hwy 12.
- Prepared needed equipment for Solano Irrigation District (SID) patches.



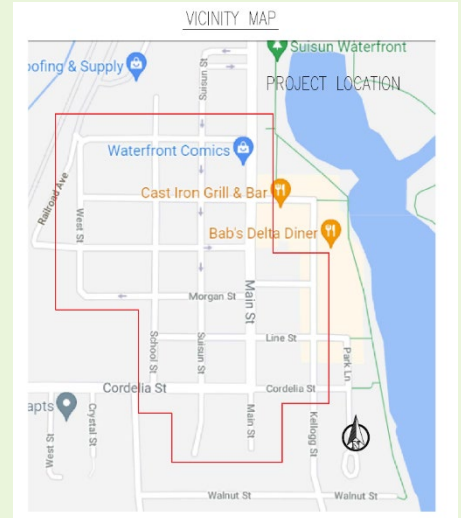
STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE:

You can find a link to the street sweeping schedule on our website under Public Works:

<https://www.suisun.com/departments/public-works/street-sweeping/>

PG&E Gas Line Replacement Project – Downtown

PG&E plans to resume this project in the Downtown area. Multiple meetings will be held prior to work beginning. PG&E will also notice the residents impacted prior to the commencement of any work. PG&E is aware that the city holds events in the Downtown area and will coordinate with the city to ensure there are no negative impacts on upcoming events. See provided vicinity map to the right.



Recreation, Parks, Marina & Arts

Staff Development

Several Administration and Management staff members attended the annual California's Park & Recreation Society's Conference & Expo. Staff spent time in a variety of educational sessions covering all aspects of recreation and building connections with other recreation professionals throughout California over the four-day conference. Recreation Coordinator Justeen Singley spent time in sessions specializing in programs, activities and resources for our aging population. One possible great program/activity to take away was Senior Games. This program would be a version of the Olympic Games but for seniors.



Spring Break Camp

Twenty-five elementary school age youth spent their spring break with our rock star staff at camp. Youth enjoyed fun and educational activities that included Alka-Seltzer rockets, gardening club, and even a field trip to see the new Mario Movie.

Marina

Marina staff has been working hard to improve our guest dock area by installing new signage that establishes visiting hours and regulations for guests. Effective immediately, the visiting hours for our guest dock are from 7 am to 9 pm. We kindly ask all visitors to adhere to these hours, as they have been put in place to ensure the safety and security of our Marina. In addition, we have implemented a 4-hour mooring limit per 24-hour period for guests. Guests wishing to stay longer than 4 hours may do so by completing a guest use agreement at the Harbor Masters Office. We believe that these new regulations will improve the overall experience and appearance at the marina for both our residents and our guests at the marina.



The marina had two docked derelict boats that had been abandoned by marina tenants. These boats were removed, detoxed, and taken to the dump for disposal. Funding for the removal of the two boats will be paid for by the Surrendered and Abandoned Vessel Exchange (SAVE) Grant. This grant helps remove abandoned and surrendered derelict boats from the waterways to prevent environmental hazards and damage. The previous weeks' rainstorms had caused transient boats to sink in the waterway. This unregistered boat was a navigational hazard and an environmental threat. With help from the Public Works department and assistance from the Police Department staff were able to remove the boat to prevent an oil spill and hazard.

Lambrecht Sports Complex

On Saturday, April 15th and 16th, the Recreation Department hosted the fourth tournament of 2023. Twelve youth teams with ages ranging from 13 to 14 and all from the surrounding areas battled it out for the championship. With only 12 teams, only two of the fields were utilized over the weekend. Given the size of the tournament, the snack bar was a little slow but still managed to sell a little over \$1,300 in product. Recreation staff will take a break this weekend from tournaments but will definitely be ready to go for the following four weekends.



ROOMS	RENTALS	AMOUNT
BANQUET	9	\$12,720.00
A,B & C	1	\$1,000.00
KITCHEN	1	\$125.00
ROOM A	4	\$480.00
ROOM B	1	\$750.00
ROOM C	8	\$600.00
ROOMS A/B	7	\$2,520.00
ROOMS B/C	0	0
ClassRoom 1	6	\$2,010.00
PARKS	3	\$355.00
Lambrecht Rentals	43	\$3,950.00
Lambrecht Tournaments	2	\$3,710.00
	Subtotal	\$28,220.00
Program	Occurrences	Amount
Lambrecht Snack Bar	3	\$4,800.00
Recreation Classes	52	\$4,221.00
Youth Camps	1	\$2,290.00
After School	32	\$13,300.00
	Subtotal	\$24,611.00
	Total	\$52,831.00

April Revenue Summary

As the weather warms up, so do the rentals and programs. This April, individuals utilized our facilities for 83 paid events. This includes parties both indoor and outdoor, training, church services, and sports practices or games. These rentals and leases took place at the Joseph Nelson Community Center, the Lambrecht Sports Complex, and Community Parks, for a total of \$28,220. Our recreation programs, after school programs, camps and snack bar totaled \$24,611. This brings the total for the month of April to \$52,831.

First 5 Solano Early Childhood Recreation Classes

There are only a couple of spots left in May's Basketball Class! The series is free for all Solano County residents ages 2-4, and thanks to the First 5 Solano funding, it will provide 20 free recreation classes for ages 2-4 between September 2022-June 2023. Interested families can register at suisun.recdesk.com. The May and June classes will wrap up the First 5 Solano funded series, and it is expected that there will be more recreation classes for the 2-4-year-old range offered through Suisun City RPM Department going forward.

FREE EARLY CHILDHOOD RECREATION CLASSES




Funded by First 5 Solano

PROSPECTIVE SCHEDULE FOR MAY-JUNE 2023

MAY 2023

- Movement w/Music (Wednesdays at 5:30pm)
- Basketball (Thursdays at 10am)

JUNE 2023

- Ballet & Tap (Wednesdays at 5:30pm)
- T-Ball (Thursdays at 10am)

REGISTRATION FOR MAY-JUNE BEGINS 3/15 AT [SUISUN.RECDESK.COM](https://suisun.recdesk.com)



Suisun City Recreation is offering FREE 4-week long recreation classes at the Joseph Nelson Community Center for Solano County residents ages 2-4, such as T-Ball, Sports Medley, Dance, and Mindful Movement. Child(ren) are limited to only two total First 5 funded classes throughout the duration of this program (Sept 2022-June 2023). For any questions, please contact Marvin Mora, Recreation Supervisor at mmora@suisun.com

City of Suisun City – Recreation, Parks, and Marina Department
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Seniors

Tax appointments ended at the Joseph Nelson Community Center on Thursday, April 13th. We are happy to announce that the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide prepared 639 tax returns for seniors and over to middle-income citizens of Solano County, all for free. This was another successful partnership and we were happy to provide space for this great program.

Social Recreation Grant

The department received word that the RPM Department's application to the North Bay Regional Center's 'Social Recreation Grant' was accepted! The RPM Department will receive \$19,000 to purchase supplies and materials towards a 'Camp Chaos' program in Summer 2023 – a camp program for youth with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (I/DD) – and for the development of future inclusive programming.

Camp Chaos holds a higher camper-to-staff ratio and is aimed at providing I/DD youth with opportunities to socialize, participate in activities, to make new friends, and to do so with ample support. The grant award will also cover appropriate staff trainings, as there are more and more I/DD youth in RPM Department after school and camp programs. The Social Recreation Grant program is aimed at providing more integrated social and recreation programs for youth with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (I/DD). The RPM Department is excited to provide programs to the underserved special needs population.



CAMP CHAOS
IS COMING TO SUISUN
CITY THIS SUMMER!

9:30-11:30 AM
ages 3-9
1:00-3:00 PM
ages 10-18

Join the
Summer
chaos! In partnership
with Special Care
Services

August 1st-3rd
Registration opens May 1st
Register at suisun.recdesk.com
Program will take place at Joseph Nelson Community
Center – 611 Village Drive, Suisun City

**\$25 Registration Fee for North Bay
Regional Center Clients***

*For NBRC clients, you must contact your service
coordinator for authorization. Staff will verify authori-
zation with NBRC. If not authorized, full registration
cost of \$300 will be charged.

When registering, provide information about your child and disabilities in order to best support them. Kids with disabilities of all types are
welcome, as long as there are no severe behaviors, such as injury to self or others. Wheel chairs and adaptive equipment are ok. Staff will
call families to get more information about your child's needs and limitations, as well as activity preferences and any medical issues, etc.

 Suisun City - Recreation, Parks, and Marina Department 

Camp Chaos

Thanks to a grant from North Bay Regional Center and in partnership with Special Care Services, Suisun City RPM is hosting the first ever 'Camp Chaos' program in Suisun City. Camp Chaos is a summer program for youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and holds a higher camper-to-staff ratio. It is aimed at providing I/DD youth with opportunities to socialize, participate in

activities, make new friends, and do so with ample support. Camp Chaos will take place at the Nelson Center from August 1-3, with an AM session (9:30 am-11:30 am) for ages 3-9 and a PM session (1:00 pm-3:00 pm) for ages 10-18. There is a small admin fee of \$30 for all participants, but North Bay Regional Center clients are able to get the remaining program fee subsidized. For any questions on the program, contact Marvin Mora, Recreation Supervisor, at mmora@suisun.com.

Jr. Giants Program

Registration is still open for the 2023 Jr. Giants season at www.gojrgiants.org! Suisun City RPM Department is offering T-Ball (ages 5-6) and Minors (ages 7-9) divisions this year. The league is nearly full, so those interested in registering should do so ASAP. The league will need volunteer coaches and team parents, so if you are interested, please register as one when registering your child(ren). Further details will be released closer to the start of the season – all practices and games are scheduled to take place at Montebello Vista Park. Recreation Supervisor Marvin Mora and Recreation Coordinator Fernando Pantoja will serve as co-commissioners for the upcoming season and are looking forward to it. For more info or for any questions, contact mmora@suisun.com.



Proposition 64 Public Health and Safety Cohort 3 Grant Program

Recreation Supervisor Marvin Mora received word that the RPM and Police Department's application towards the Proposition 64 Public Health and Safety grant program was recommended to be funded! The Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) Executive Board will officially vote to fund all Cohort 3 recommendations on April 13th. It is anticipated that the BSCC Executive Board will vote to fund all recommendations. Suisun City will receive ~\$2.29 million over a 5-year period. This was a competitive grant process for projects that address local impacts due to the legalization of cannabis in California. Eligible applicants for the program are local government agencies that do not ban either indoor and outdoor commercial cannabis cultivation, or retail sale of cannabis or cannabis products.

The project will be officially called Suisun City's Teen Development & Cannabis Education Program. The project will establish a Suisun City Police Activities League (PAL) program for middle school and high school youth that combines existing PAL structure and resources with cannabis prevention and education curriculum developed by Suisun City RPM staff and the Solano County Office of Education. It will support a Recreation Supervisor to oversee the project and a School Resource Officer that will participate in school intervention efforts and will focus on mentoring, counseling, building relationships with youth, and acting as an extension of the program. The program will give Suisun City teens the chance to mature, gain valuable leadership and life skills, participate in unique enrichment and recreation opportunities, and set themselves for lifelong success – all with cannabis prevention and education as its nexus. The RPM and Police Departments are excited to receive this funding and can't wait to impact the teens of Suisun City.

BrewBash At The Basin

We are thrilled to report that BrewBash at the Basin was a great success! The City's Recreation, Parks, and Marina department and the Fairfield-Suisun Rotary co-hosted the event on April 22, 2023, and the event was well attended. We would like to thank all the local breweries who generously donated their beer, time, and expertise to make this event possible. We are also grateful to all those who attended, sponsored, and volunteered at the event, and we look forward to continuing to support our local youth through future events.



Have a great May!

Greg Folsom
City Manager