



CITY of CALABASAS
PARKS, RECREATION & EDUCATION COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

DATE: **SEPTEMBER 8, 2020**

TO: **PARKS, RECREATION AND EDUCATION COMMISSIONERS**

FROM: **KIMBERLY POST, FACILITY SUPERVISOR**

SUBJECT: **DISCUSSION OF SENIOR CENTER FALL PROGRAMING AND PARTICIPATION NUMBERS**

MEETING DATE: **SEPTEMBER 14, 2020**

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file the report on the Senior Center Fall programing and participation numbers.

BACKGROUND:

Staff at the Senior Center are continually devising new ways to meet the challenge of programing virtual classes, excursions and events in lieu of in-person activities due to facility closure during the COVID-19 pandemic.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

Staff, with the help of the programming committee, arranged for over 80 virtual Zoom classes for the Fall. Staff held registration on August 17 for members and residents. August 19 was reserved for non-residents. Arrangements were made to have staff available on registration days to assist with phone calls. On both registration days, a drop-box was available from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. to assist the seniors who are not comfortable with online registration.

As of Tuesday, September 8, there are 2,012 participants registered in various programs.

Beginning on August 24 staff can be reached Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. to answer live calls and assist with registration, general questions and Zoom support. Staff is also proctoring Zoom classes from the Senior Center.

Staff is working on securing a location to plan a social distanced parking lot Bingo game to take place in October on a Friday evening from 5:30 -7:00 p.m. Participants will remain in their vehicles while staff calls the numbers from a PA system. Seniors who attend will receive a "goodie bag" with snacks and disposable bingo cards sponsored by Anthem Blue Cross. Winners will honk their horn when they hit the bingo numbers.

Our Senior Center Excursion Committee has been brainstorming and "thinking outside the box" to develop several exciting virtual excursions and adventures for patrons to enjoy. The first of these new excursions will be a virtual tour of Gottlieb Native Garden.

This new virtual excursion will be a multi-part series, focusing on different aspects of this award-winning garden. Seniors will virtually experience the joy of an afternoon stroll in a lovely garden as they explore the garden's flora & fauna. Information on this first virtual excursion will be distributed via email in the coming weeks.

FISCAL IMPACT/SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Both revenue and expenditures will be posted to the approved budget area.

REQUESTED ACTION:

Receive and file the report of Senior Center Fall programing and participation numbers.

ATTACHMENTS

Class Participation Numbers.