

A Wandering Mind

This morning I put in my copy of the Beatles' Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band CD, and it strikes me how the music is like the soundtrack for my day. The very first song starts, "It was 20 years ago today, Sgt. Pepper taught the band to play." And my mind starts to wander about a survey that was done more than 20 years ago by the City, in 1986, for tourism and recreation. The City just recently released a new tourism study that was commissioned for \$40,000. But the two studies could have been one and the same. We know that Oroville is the location, location, location. We knew then, and we know now, that it's marketing, marketing, marketing. And I keep thinking, "Then do it, do it, do it" with the City's \$300,000 Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT).

I go back to listening to the song, which goes, "They've been going in and out of style, but they're guaranteed to raise a smile." My mind continues to drift and think about Halloween and the Mary Poppins character who appeared in our office in place of Deanna, one of the District's administrative assistants. As my mind drifts back to the music, I realize the next song, "A Little Help From My Friends", is playing and I think of the rest of the staff who play an important role in the District's operation. In addition to Deanna, Shawn is another well-known face in the front office. Susan and Laurie make sure the District's finances are in order. Amanda handles Special Events and Aquatics with a smile, and Brian tackles the job of Youth and Adult Sports. And Sheryl, who is my left-handed right hand, for everything else. The District's incredibly hard-working maintenance staff is comprised of Hue and Tony, who make quite a dynamic duo. Walt is our weekend man. Bill has been working hard on improvements to the Playtown fence. Cheryl can usually be found at one of our parks operating the District's new mower. Sheree is the smiling face you've probably seen at Riverbend Park. Rick is our Nelson Sports Park guy. And Thurman "the Can Man" keeps our parks safe at night. The District also has an amazing group of part-time recreation and maintenance staff.

The CD ends with the Beatles' song "A Day in the Life," and as I find myself singing along I realize how amazing it is when you put a CD in your player, or listen to your i-Pod, or listen to your car radio, how the music can correlate to whatever is happening in your life. It's like being half asleep in your bed and the radio is on, and your dream incorporates whatever song is playing on the radio.

Help Wanted

The District is looking for volunteers who are interested in helping out at the Riverbend Park Visitors Center. Call the District office at 533-2011 for more information.

FRRPD Treasure Hunt Clue #2

Argh! I hear tell there may be a leak aboard our FRRPD ship. So watch out! There may be a scoundrel walkin' the plank. It was around 1735, or it was 1835, maybe 1935 (it be built and now it be beat and

battered). Argh! And don't ye be tellin' any mate, or ye may be walkin' the plank with that scoundrel to dark water. Har har har! I be watchin' ye with my one good eye. Argh!

For more information about the FRRPD Treasure Hunt, please call the District office at 533-2011.

FRRPD Upcoming Events

Another FRRPD Teen Dance will be held on November 9th at the Municipal Auditorium, from 7-10 PM.

The YMCA and FRRPD present the Midway of Fun Carnival, which runs through November 4th at Riverbend Park. Hours are: Friday, 3-10 PM. Saturday, noon-10 PM, and Sunday, noon-5 PM.

White Christmas Talent Show tryouts will be held on November 30th at 5 PM in the Municipal Auditorium.

The KRBS and FRRPD Craft Fair will be on December 1st from 10 AM – 6 PM at the Municipal Auditorium.

See you in the parks!