



Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Agenda

September 14, 2026
5:30 PM – Regular Meeting
Council Chambers
400 N. Douty St.

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

INVOCATION:

To be led by Commissioner Rodriguez.

FLAG SALUTE:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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CONSENT CALENDAR:

Consent Calendar items are considered routine and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these matters unless a request is made and then the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar to be discussed and voted upon by a separate motion.

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes for August 10, 2026.

DIVISION UPDATES:

- A. Sports Complex Updates
- B. Parks Updates
- C. Marketing/Sponsorship Updates
- D. Program Updates
- E. Directors Updates
- F. Events and Managerial Updates

GENERAL BUSINESS:

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

ADJOURNMENT:



AGENDA STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 9/14/2026

AGENDA SECTION: CONSENT CALENDAR

SUBJECT:

Approval of Meeting Minutes for August 10, 2026.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation: Approve meeting minutes for August 10, 2026.

Recommended Motion: Motion to approve meeting minutes for August 10, 2026

BACKGROUND:

FISCAL IMPACT:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 20260911171536



**Parks & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting
Minutes**

**August 10, 2026 5:30 PM
Council Chambers
400 N. Douty St.**

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm.

ROLL CALL:

Present:	Absent:
Parks and Recreation Commissioner Joseph Castaneda Parks and Recreation Commissioner Carolyn Hudgins Parks and Recreation Commissioner Gregory Kelley Parks and Recreation Commissioner Judy Scott Parks and Recreation Commissioner Sheldon Blackwell	

INVOCATION:

To be led by Adam Medeiros as a guest of Commissioner Castaneda

Invocation led by Adam Medeiros

FLAG SALUTE:

Flag salute was led by Vice Chair Commissioner Blackwell

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Public member Jim K asked that if 600 trees were going to be planted is there a planting plan? Asked if downtown will receive trees and that some trees in the area are dying and need removal. He also stated that palo verde trees can be a lot to maintain and that there is a plan in space for the maintenance of the trees. Director responded saying that we have a tree planting site plan in place and it is through our Hanford Goes Green grant.

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A. Approval of Meeting Minutes for July 13, 2026.

Motion to Approve

RESULT: Passed (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Parks and Recreation Commissioner Gregory Kelley
SECONDER: Parks and Recreation Commissioner Sheldon Blackwell
AYES: Joseph Castaneda, Carolyn Hudgins, Gregory Kelley, Judy Scott, Sheldon Blackwell

DIVISION UPDATES:

A. Sports Complex Updates

Staff provided updates on baseball tournament at YAC, reviewed the registration numbers and future tournament schedule.

Questions:

Commissioner Castaneda asked where the teams and kids were coming from or if they were all local teams? Staff responded that the teams are from across the valley ranging from Tulare, Madera, Modesto, Fresno and had two teams from San Luis Obispo.

Chair Commissioner Scott: asked if we had a breakdown of the costs for teams? Staff reviewed costs and reviewed entry fees, front gate fees, etc, also stated that a full report will be provided in the next meeting.

B. Parks Updates

Staff provided updates on projects such as basin field preparation, tree break clean ups, irrigation repairs throughout the cities parks, and base services. Provided update on Helping Hands project on August 8th at Quail Run Estates where they completed weed abatement, pruning, and area clean up services staff stated that 12 volunteers assisted that day. Commissioner Castaneda: asked about thinning out trees throughout the City and Parks, staff stated that those are on a scheduled project list and that if emergency needs for trees are present then we go out and take care of those trees. Commissioner Kelley asked about the trees in downtown Hanford area that he noticed some trees are blocking signage such as stop signs and that it can lead to liability issues and safety for the City. Staff responded that they will add those observations to his task list and look into the signs, and that liability will be passed along to driver and the City and the owner retains some liability.

C. Marketing/Sponsorship Updates

Staff provided update on: the catfish crawl event, social media marketing plan, and secured \$1k for sponsorships. Provided update on Ren Faire and mentioned the start date and marketing plan. No questions from commissioners.

D. Events and Managerial Updates

Staff updated on upcoming events including all event details such as: Catfish Crawl, Renaissance Faire, Halloween Bash, and managerial updates such as: Winter Wonderland recruitment and the Christmas Parade.

Chair Commissioner Scott asked if high school students can apply for Winter Wonderland jobs, staff responded that they are allowed but do have to be 16 and above.

Commissioner Castaneda asked if we are going to have security present this year for Winter Wonderland, and staff replied yes there will be role for staff to be on site and overnight security.

Commissioner Kelley asked if we still have parks resource officers? Staff stated that they are focused on HEART but still present in parks.

E. Directors Updates

Director provided updates on the freedom fest event and tax ballot.

F. Program Updates

Staff provided updates on programming including: senior wellness workshop, creative writing group, summer camp review, and newly developed programs such as flag football.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

A. Public Works: Recommendation regarding the reinstallation of the zipline playground amenity at Lacey and Coe Parks.

Motion to Approve

RESULT: Passed
MOVER: Parks and Recreation Commissioner Judy Scott
SECONDER: Parks and Recreation Commissioner Blackwell
AYES: Carolyn Hudgins, Judy Scott, Sheldon Blackwell
NAYS: Joseph Castaneda, Gregory Kelley

Staff took item to be voted on for the reinstallation of the zip line playground playground amenity at Lacey and Coe parks. Incident occurred on the items and staff stated that it was a isolated event. Summary was provided in staff report on the incident and changes applied to prevent future misuse and potential damage to equipment and public.

Commissioner Castaneda: was this ever brought up in the commission? Director Albert stated that: items of this nature are brought to the attention to Risk Management and typically not an item for commission. Staff also added that since then they have completed weekly inspections that are integrated into routine of staff. Castaneda also asked if we can return the items purchased? Staff responded that most likely will charge a fee to return and will have to see their return policy.

Chair Commissioner Scott: asked if the injury was a first time incident? Staff responded yes it was.

Commissioner Kelley: asked if the injury resulted in ligation against the City. Staff responded no. Kelley also asked why wasn't this brought to the attention of commission before equipment purchase was completed. Staff responded that they were unaware of PRISM's insurance requirement for Commission approval on this matter, not a typical item to bring to commission. Kelley stated he is concerned the injury will happen again if equipment installed. Staff agreed that there is risk with playground equipment, but that staff should have caught the damage. Kelley was researched done in terms of the product. Staff stated that the manufacture stated its was a unique situation and that they normally don't receive inquiries about the product. Kelley asked what the total cost for the equipment is? Staff responded that it was around \$4,000.

B. Recreation and Community Services: Lacey Water Feature (Big Green Mushroom) Removal

Staff provided update on Lacey Park water feature removal. Staff would like to someday remove the feature as it is an expense to have inspected by state.

Commissioner Kelley: what is the lesser option water related than having it removed? Staff: you are looking at \$400,000 to bring it up to pass by State. Kelley also stated that the area needs a water feature in that park in the summers and makes a park more lively. Commissioner Blackwell stated that the water feature has been out of service for over 10 years. Why wasn't this addressed sooner? Staff responded that council had a conversation about the topic but no action took place since then. No recommendations were provided.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Discussion on water feature at Lacey Park.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 6:48pm



AGENDA STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 9/14/2026

AGENDA SECTION: DIVISION UPDATES

SUBJECT:

Sports Complex Updates

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation:

Recommended Motion:

BACKGROUND:

FISCAL IMPACT:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. AUSTIN UPDATES. SEPTEMBER MEETING.

August updates

- We hosted a smaller baseball tournament on August 15-16 and a larger tournament on August 29-30.
- Adult league summer season recently finished. We are currently enrolling teams for fall season.
- We are finishing up the process of converting current 1099 employees to City part-time employees.



Tournaments Report

Reporting Period: July 18-19

Financial Summary

<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Total Concessions Sales:	\$6,710.64
Staff – 57 hours:	\$1,026.00
Sysco:	\$2,068.00
Pepsi:	\$700.00
Total Net:	\$2,916.64
Gate & Entry Sales:	\$8,211.00
Total Combined Net:	\$11,127.64

Reporting Period: August 15-16

Financial Summary

<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Total Concessions Sales:	\$4,687.12
Staff – 40 hours:	\$720.00
Sysco/Pepsi/S&F:	\$850.00
Total Net:	\$3,117.12
Gate & Entry Sales:	\$4,344.00
Total Combined Net:	\$7,461.12

Reporting Period: August 29-30

Financial Summary

<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Total Concessions Sales:	\$12,859.37
Staff :	\$2,751.00
Sysco:	\$1,445.84
S&F:	\$496.86
Total Net:	\$8,165.67
Gate & Entry Sales:	\$11,020.00
Total Combined Net:	\$19,185.67

GRAND COMBINED TOTAL: \$37,774.43

- Amazon: \$5,991.86
- BSN: \$3,519.82

GRAND COMBINED NET TOTAL: \$28,262.75



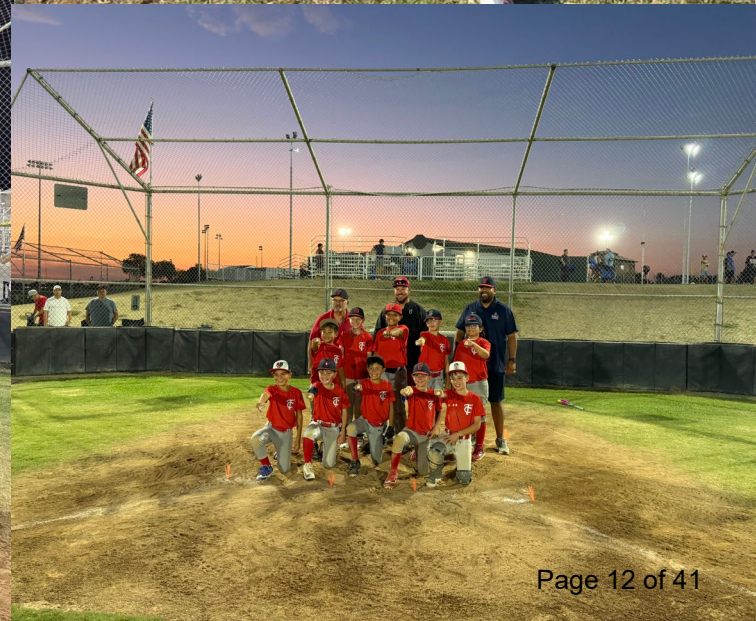


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YOUTH BASEBALL

TOURNAMENT SERIES



LOCATION:

YOUTH ATHLETIC COMPLEX
1098 Campus Dr., Hanford, CA



ENTRY FEE:

\$400
PER TEAM



AGE GROUPS:

8U - 12U

TOURNAMENT DATES

SEPTEMBER
19-20

OCTOBER
10-11

OCTOBER
24-25

NOVEMBER
7-8

NOVEMBER
21-22

DECEMBER
5-6

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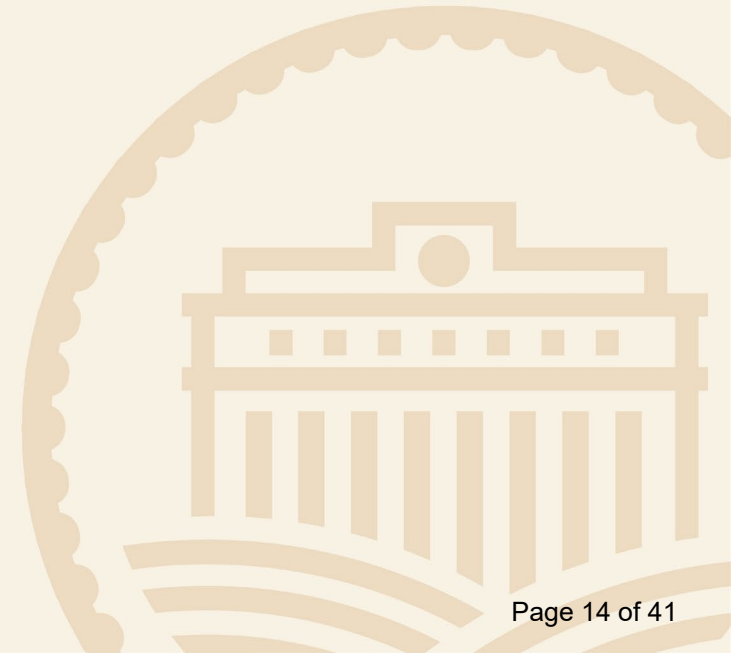
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HANFORD REC TEAM

Upcoming for Sept

- We have another baseball tournament coming up September 19-20.
- We have two softball tournaments scheduled for September.
- Fall Adult Softball League will be starting on September 28th.

Questions??????????





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SUBJECT:

Parks Updates

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation:

Recommended Motion:

BACKGROUND:

FISCAL IMPACT:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Parks updates 9.26



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PARKS MONTHLY UPDATE

Parks And Recreation Commission September 2026

Updates

Projects/ Updates:

- Fire Station Irrigation Repairs
- Large Pines and Branches down
- Basketball
 - Coe - Backboards replaced
 - Lacey - Adjusted
- Dog Parks Signs up and enactment Oct 1



Helping Hands 2026

Sept 12, 2026, 8:00-12:00

Celio En Terra Frontage Fargo

- **Weed abatement**
- **Shrub pruning**
- **Area clean up**



Questions or Comments?





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SUBJECT:

Marketing/Sponsorship Updates

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation:

Recommended Motion:

BACKGROUND:

FISCAL IMPACT:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Marketing Updates



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MARKETING & SPONSORSHIP UPDATES

RENAISSANCE FAIRE

October 3rd-4th

Marketing

Posters- Large Banners, Businesses

Boosted Social Media- Facebook & Instagram

Website

Press Release

ABC 30 Commercial



Winter Wonderland Nov.21-Jan 10

Marketing

Posters

Social Media -*Facebook& Instagram*

Website

Press Release

TV

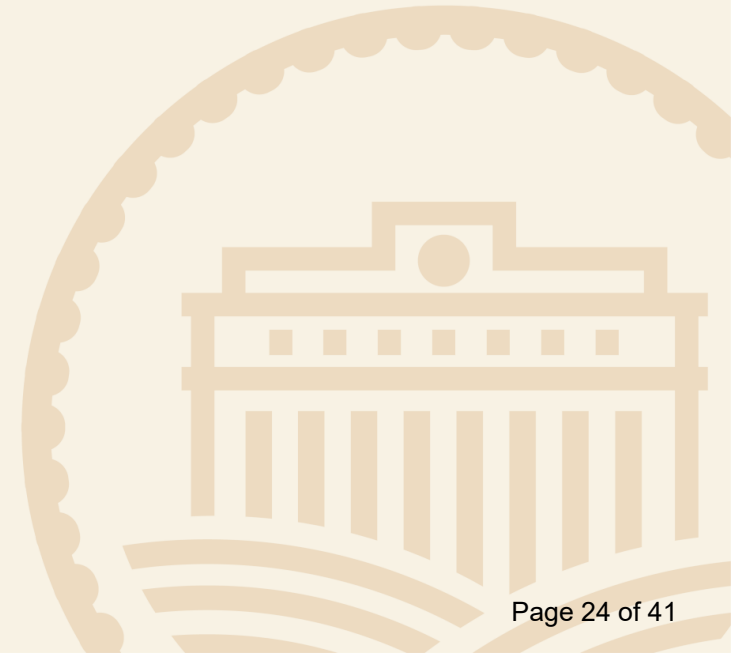
Sponsorships

Goal \$100,000

Secured \$45,000



QUESTIONS?





AGENDA STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 9/14/2026	AGENDA SECTION: DIVISION UPDATES
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SUBJECT:

Program Updates

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation:

Recommended Motion:

BACKGROUND:**FISCAL IMPACT:****ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Programs Update 9.14.26



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9/14/26
Program Updates

NEW PROGRAM UPDATES

Senior Wellness Workshop- The Bright Minds Project- Partnership





SENIOR WELLNESS WORKSHOP





SEPTEMBER | 2026

EVENT CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 <i>Tulare Senior</i> What is anxiety and depression? 10am-10:45am	2 <i>Hanford Senior</i> What is anxiety and depression? 10:30am-11:15am 	3	4	5
6	7 <i>NO CLASSES</i> <i>LABOR DAY HOLIDAY</i>	8 <i>Tulare Senior</i> Nutrition for Brain Health 10am-10:45am	9 <i>Hanford Senior</i> Nutrition for Brain Health 10:30am-11:15am	10  <i>Special Event</i> Healthy Coping Skills 6:00pm-8:00pm Quail Park on Cypress	11	12  <i>Sunshine Event</i> Healthy Coping Skills 8:30am-9:30am <i>Visalia Monthly Workshop</i> Back To Balance 11am-1pm
13	14 <i>Lindsay Senior</i> Emotional Awareness 10:30am-11:15am 	15 <i>Tulare Senior</i> Micro Habits 10:00am-10:45am	16  <i>Hanford Senior</i> Micro Habits 10:30am-11:15am	17	18	19
20	21 <i>Lindsay Senior</i> Creating Meaningful Routines 10:30am-11:15am 	22 <i>Tulare Senior</i> Gratitude & Perspective 10am-10:45am	23  <i>Facebook Live</i> Economic Worries 6:30pm <i>Hanford Senior</i> Gratitude & Perspective 10:30am-11:15am	24 <i>Lindsay Monthly Workshop</i> Back To Balance 1pm-3pm 	25	26 <i>Porterville Monthly Workshop</i> Back To Balance 11:30am-1:30pm 
27	28 <i>Hanford Senior</i> Grief, Loss, & Finding Hope 10:30am-11:15am	29 <i>Tulare Senior</i> Stress Signals We Ignore 10am-10:45am 	30 <i>Hanford Senior</i> Stress Signals We Ignore 10:30am-11:15am			Stay Connected and learn more about The Bright Minds Project

Senior Wellness Workshop- Monthly Calendar

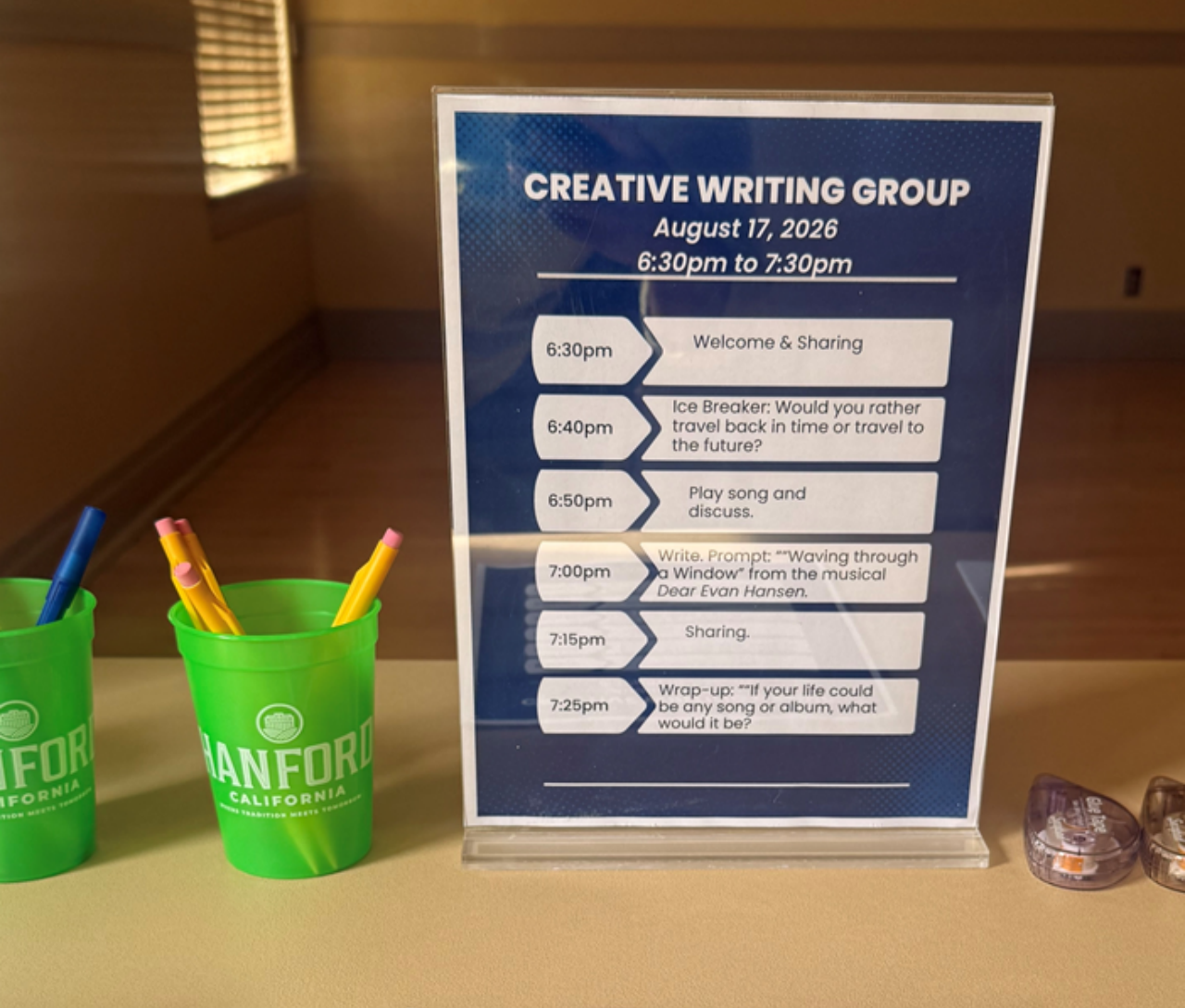




CREATIVE WRITING GROUP







CREATIVE WRITING GROUP

NEW PROGRAM IN DEVELOPMENT



Leg Strength & Balance

Strong legs. Steady you. Better everyday.

- 📍 Location: Civic Auditorium - West Wing
- 📅 Tuesday & Thursday's
- 🕒 9:00 am – 10:00 am
- 💰 \$16.00 Seniors / \$20 Adults per month



Build stronger legs, better balance, and better posture through safe and effective techniques.



Improve mobility, confidence, and everyday movement while helping reduce the risk of falls.



All fitness levels are welcome! Exercises can be modified to meet individual needs.



Start Date
October 6th, 2026

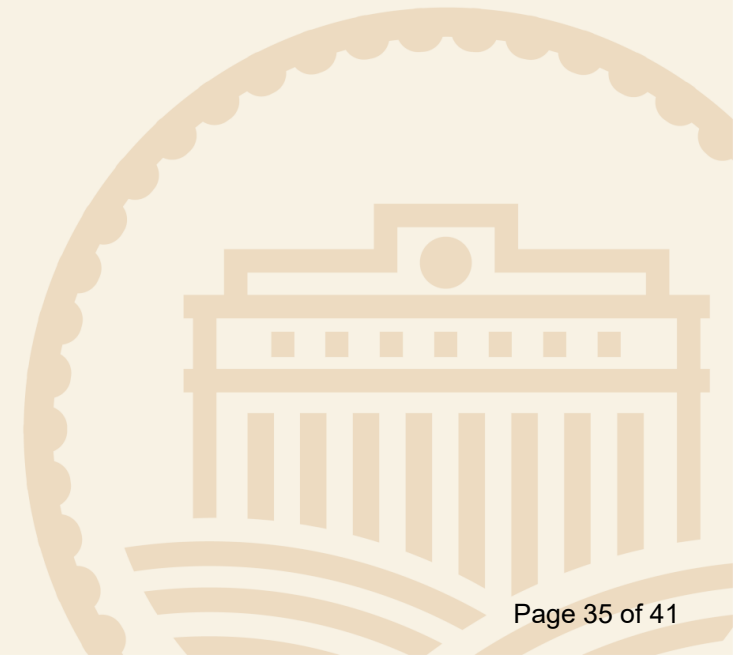
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LEG STRENGTH & BALANCE

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Division 2

8U Coed
Ages 7-8

Division 3

10U Coed
Ages 9-10

Division 4

12U Coed
Ages 11-12

Last Day to Register: Sept 14, 2026
6-Week Season: Oct 3-Nov 7, 2026

Location	Games	Practice	Cost
Rotary Park (Games)	Saturdays 8am-12pm	1 day per week, scheduled by your team coach.	\$75 *Includes jersey & flag belt

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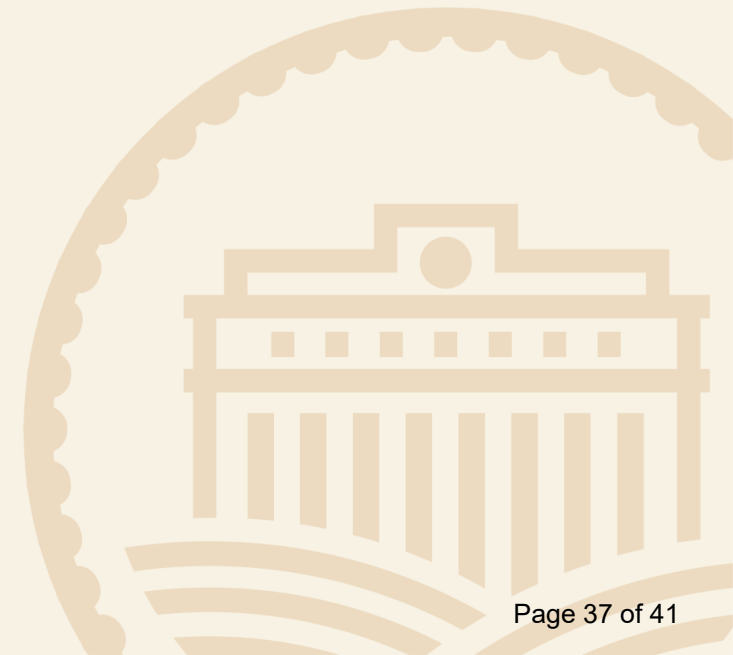
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October 14 – November 4
Wednesdays | 4 weeks
5:30 PM–6:30 PM



Civic Auditorium
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LITTLE KICKERS SOCCER - FALL

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Registration Opens: September 8 on ActiveNet

Program Dates: October 14 – November 4

Length: 4 Weeks

Day: Wednesdays Only

Time: 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Location: Civic Auditorium

Registration Fee: \$55 per participant

***Registrations Now Open**

Questions?



AGENDA STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 9/14/2026

AGENDA SECTION: DIVISION UPDATES

SUBJECT:

Directors Updates

ATTACHMENTS:

None



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SUBJECT:

Events and Managerial Updates

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation:

Recommended Motion:

BACKGROUND:

FISCAL IMPACT:

ATTACHMENTS:

None