



# MEMORANDUM

Date: February 6, 2023

To: The Honorable Chair and Members  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: Jan Leshner   
County Administrator

Re: **Additional Information – February 7, 2023 Agenda Item #48, Natural Resources Parks and Recreation Fees**

Attached please find the latest information regarding Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation ordinance amending the fee schedule.

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Attachment

c: Carmine DeBonis, Jr., Deputy County Administrator  
Francisco García, MD, MPH, Deputy County Administrator and Chief Medical Officer  
Steve Holmes, Deputy County Administrator  
Victor Pereira, Director, Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation

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**From:** Victor Pereira  
NRPR Director *VP*

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The purpose of this memo is to provide additional information regarding inquiries you have received about the Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation (NRPR) proposed fee structure, which is scheduled as a BOS agenda item on February 7, 2023.

1. The following addresses the question to provide a list of new amenities or programs that the Special Revenue Fund (SRF) fee will be used for:
  - a. While a deliberate plan has not been fully created by NRPR on how the SRF will be used to accelerate and provide new amenities and programs at NRPR facilities, the following provides examples of tangible areas of opportunities:
    - i. Ellie Towne/Flowing Wells Community Center: Increase part-time recreation center aide positions to full time, which will give the department the ability to introduce new programs such as weight and strength training classes for youth and senior citizens.
    - ii. Lights at high-demand youth sports parks: Adding lights at Rillito Regional Park (field #9) and Brandi Fenton Park (field #1). By adding lights at these two fields, both parks will have 100% field lighting. These two upgrades will add more inventory to high demand/night time scheduling; ultimately adding more supply which assists the department with field scheduling requirements.
    - iii. Addition of a new multi-use sports field at Dan Felix Park.
    - iv. Ramadas: Adding new ramadas at yet to be determined parks to provide additional cover/seating areas for park patrons to use.
  - b. The department is in the initial stages of developing a comprehensive “Master Plan”. The Master Plan will be used as a blue-print to prioritize resource allocation decisions for new facilities and rehabilitation projects, programs, and services to create outstanding recreation opportunities, well-maintained facilities, and a customer-focused and responsive park/recreation system.
2. The following answers the question on what programs and amenities would no longer receive support if the fees are not approved.
  - a. The General Fund will continue to fund all NRPR programs regardless of the BOS decision on the proposed fee structure.
3. The following modification will be made to the Community Center fee structure to address a concern with free and reduced lunch.

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- a. NRPR will modify community center fees to ensure **all** families who qualify for free and reduced meals under the National School Lunch Program are automatically eligible for Tier 3 pricing.
4. The following addresses a concern that suggests NRPR should schedule fields monthly versus seasonal.
    - a. Currently NRPR schedules all sports fields (youth and adult) on a 6-month/seasonal basis (fall/winter and spring/summer). This practice is commensurate with most Parks and Recreation departments to include CoT, Oro Valley, Sahuarita as well as many Maricopa County Parks' departments.
    - b. NRPR is in the administrative process of reviewing our sports field user handbook which provides the framework for the entire recreation field scheduling process. Additionally, NRPR plans to introduce disincentive, escalatory measures and penalties for clubs who over schedule, underutilize and do not cancel fields in a timely manner. The NRPR Director briefed both these initiatives at the last league representative meeting and has had personal one-on-one meetings with league representatives.
    - c. NRPR has bi-annually League representative meetings. A key to the NRPR vision and mission is the belief that participation in community and youth sports should not be limited by an individual's ability to pay. Therefore, NRPR will begin researching what other programs or best practices are tailored to assistance programs for youth sports within the Arizona Parks and Recreation system. Subsequently, the department will collaborate with league representatives to provide administrative resources to assist families who are unable to participate in youth sports programs.
  5. The following four charts provide the background data on the statement "that the proposed fees are parks and rec level fees, not market level fees and much lower than other Parks and Recreation Departments in the state of Arizona."
    - a. The four charts were on display during **all** public outreach and League Representative meetings. Pima County Parks Advisory Commission members were also provided the following information during their final and unanimous vote (9-0) to endorse the departments fee proposal.
    - b. The following depicts 23 of 25 (92%) Arizona Parks and Recreation (PR) departments are charging for youth sports fields. Additionally, Pima County's \$2/hour is significantly lower than other PR departments in the State of Arizona and 40% lower than our neighboring cities of Marana, Oro Valley and Sahuarita.



Sports field rental cost survey									
	Adult				Youth				Comments
	Resident	Non-Res	Non-Profit	Lights	Resident	Non-Res	Non-Profit	Lights	
Apache Junction	\$10 Daytime \$17 Evening	\$12.50 Daytime \$21.25 Evening	\$10 Daytime \$17 Evening	included	\$10 Daytime \$17 Evening	\$12.50 Daytime \$21.25 Evening	\$10 Daytime \$17 Evening	included	Soccer/Football \$80 field prep for res/non profit \$100 non res and \$120 for profit. Softball/Baseball \$40field prep for res/non profit \$50 non res and \$60 for profit.
Avondale Non-Prime	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$15.00	included	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$15.00	included	\$25/field for Standard field lines, \$50 for Custom field lines,\$50 Temporary fences (Festival fields 1-4 only per field) Charge additional fee for additional field prep upon staff approval.
Avondale Prime	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$20.00	included	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$20.00	included	\$25/field for Standard field lines, \$50 for Custom field lines,\$50 Temporary fences (Festival fields 1-4 only per field) Charge additional fee for additional field prep upon staff approval.
Buckeye	\$10 Daytime \$30 w/lights	\$20 Daytime \$40 w/lights	n/a	See res/non res light and field fees included	\$10 Daytime \$30 w/lights	\$20 Daytime \$40 w/lights	n/a	See res/non res light and field fees included	Additional \$15 field prep for residents or \$25 per field for field prep for non-residents
Casa Grande	\$12 Practice \$14 Game	n/a	n/a	included	\$12 Practice \$14 Game	n/a	n/a	included	Carr McNatt Park Kiwanis Baseball field \$8 practice \$14 Game O'Neil Park Fields nonGated North & South field \$8 practice \$14 Game
Chandler	\$15.00	\$21.00	n/a	\$15/\$21 res/non	\$0 in season \$11 off season	\$15	n/a	\$15/\$21 res/non	
Gilbert	\$10.50	\$13.10	n/a	\$15	\$10.50	\$13.10	n/a	\$15	\$40 field prep fee
Glendale(Premier)	\$17.00	\$25.00	n/a	included	\$17.00	\$25.00	n/a	included	Sahuaro Ranch Sports Complex(baseball/softball), Foothills Sports Complex(baseball, softball, M/U), Sahuaro Ranch Soccer Fields(soccer/football), Thunderbird Paseo Soccer Field (soccer/football)
Glendale (Non-Premier)	\$13.00	\$19.00	\$13.00	included	\$13.00	\$19.00	\$13.00	included	O'Neil ball field
Goodyear	\$10.00	\$20.00	n/a	\$10/\$20res/non \$25/organization	\$10.00	\$20.00	n/a	\$10/\$20res/non \$25/organization	\$40/\$80/\$100 field prep fee per field Pitching mound per day \$30/\$60/\$75 Field paint (initial) \$300/\$400/\$500 Field paint (reoccurring)\$100/\$200/\$250 Soccer goals (per field) \$30/60/\$75
Maricopa	\$11 Pacana \$16 Copper Sky	\$14 Pacana \$20 Copper Sky	n/a	\$25/\$30 res/non	\$6 Pacana \$11 Copper Sky	\$9 Pacana \$15 C. Sky miu \$17 C. Sky bb/sb	n/a	\$15/\$25 res/non	\$140/\$160 field prep fee res/non res multi-use, \$45/\$55 res/non res. Additional fees for a field reservation made with less than two week notice.
Mesa	\$11 day time \$18 after 5 p.m.	\$13.50 day time \$22 after 5 p.m.	\$11 day time \$18 after 5 p.m.	included	\$11 day time \$18 after 5 p.m.	\$13.50 day time \$22 after 5 p.m.	\$11 day time \$18 after 5 p.m.	included	\$60 field prep fee. Custom field prep must call for quote Sports Complex Baseball off peak \$32/hr, peak \$48 after 5 p.m. soccer off peak \$16, peak \$29 after 5 p.m. Site supervisor \$18/hr Field deposit (non-refundable) \$150
Apache Junction	\$25.00	\$45.00		included	\$7 practice \$10 game	n/a	n/a	\$10	Neighborhood parks \$10hr/\$15hr res/non res Lights \$15hr/\$25 res/non res.
Phoenix	\$34/2hr block	\$50/2hr block		\$5 an hour	\$12/2hr block	\$20/2hr block		\$15 an hour	Desert West Soccer Complex Turf Youth \$12 per hr (2 hr min.) Adult \$22 per hr (2 hr min.) Synthetic Youth \$15 per hr (2 hr min.) Adult \$30 per hr (2 hr min.)
Queen Creek	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$20.00	\$18 res/\$30 non-res Multiuse field \$30 res/\$45 non	\$9.00			\$15/hr	Official Youth Sports Partners in-season rate is \$9/hr. Youth non-partner off season league cost is \$16/hr, light cost \$18/hr. Baseball/softball fields is \$20 res/\$30 non-res, multiuse fields lights \$30 res/\$45 non-res.
Surprise	\$15.00	\$30.00	n/a	included	\$15.00	\$30.00	n/a	\$15/hr	Different Rates at Surprise Stadium Field prep fee \$35
Scottsdale	\$10 day time, \$25 after 6 p.m.	\$20 day time \$35 after 6 p.m.	n/a	included	\$10 day time \$25 after 6 p.m.	\$20 day time \$35 after 6 p.m.	\$5 day time \$12.50 after 6 p.m.	\$15	Partner groups are groups such as bonafide youth organizations field rate is 50% of resident field rate. \$35 field Prep + \$31 per hour staff rate (tournament only)
Tolleson	\$3.00	\$6.00	\$3.00	\$6.00	\$3.00	n/a	n/a	included	Tolleson Veterans Park
Pima County	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$9/hr	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9/hr	<b>PIMA COUNTY COST: LED Field: \$11.75/hr Non-LED Field: \$13.00/hr</b>
Pima County-Kino Sports Complex				\$20/hr			\$13/hr Baseball \$19.50/hr Soccer	\$20/hr	Youth organizations field rate is 35% of the field rate. All reservations require facility oversight fee \$30/hr. Lining/field Prep \$150 for soccer field, \$90 for baseball
City of Tucson	\$20 day time, \$30 after 6 p.m.	\$25 day time, \$38 after 6 p.m.	n/a	included	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8/hr	Youth daytime use 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nighttime use 6-8 p.m. and 8-10p.m. slots. General sport field rates: Daytime (3 hour block) Nighttime use 6-8 p.m. and 8-10p.m. slots.
Town of Marana	\$5 day time, \$8 after 5 p.m.	n/a	\$5 day time, \$8 after 5 p.m.	included	\$5 day time, \$8 after 5 p.m.	n/a	\$5 day time, \$8 after 5 p.m.	included	
Town of Oro Valley	\$5 day time, \$10 after 5 p.m.	\$10 day time, \$20 after 5 p.m.	n/a	included	\$5 day time, \$10 after 5 p.m.	\$10 day time, \$20 after 5 p.m.	n/a	included	
Town of Sahuarita	\$5 day time, \$15 after 6 p.m.	\$5 day time, \$15 after 6 p.m.	n/a	included	\$5 day time, \$15 after 6 p.m.	\$5 day time, \$15 after 6 p.m.	n/a	included	

c. The following chart depicts the actual break down of \$2.00 per hour/per field.

<b>COST BREAKDOWN OF \$2.00/HOUR FOR FIELD FEE UTILIZATION</b>	
<b>\$2.00</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
60 minutes \$2.00	90 minutes \$3.00
15 kids 13.3 cents per kid per practice	15 kids .20 cents per kid per practice
1 times/week 13.3 cents / week	1 times/week 20 cents / week
per month \$.53 /month	per month \$.80/month
3 months \$1.59	3 months \$2.40
6 months \$3.18	6 months \$4.80
9 months \$4.77	9 months \$7.20
<b>\$2.00</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
60 minutes \$2.00	90 minutes \$3.00
15 kids 13.3 cents per kid per practice	15 kids .20 cents per kid per practice
2 times/week 27 cents / week	2 times/week 40 cents / week
per month \$1.08 /month	per month \$1.60 /month
3 months \$3.24	3 months \$4.80
6 months \$6.48	6 months \$9.60
9 months \$9.72	9 months \$14.40
<b>\$2.00</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
60 minutes \$2.00	90 minutes \$3.00
15 kids 13.3 cents per kid per practice	15 kids .20 cents per kid per practice
3 times/week 40 cents / week	3 times/week 60 cents / week
per month \$1.60 /month	per month \$2.40/month
3 months \$4.80	3 months \$7.20
6 months \$9.60	6 months \$14.40
9 months \$14.40	9 months \$21.60

Based on 15 kids per field per hour  
 Baseball & Softball: March - November (9 months)  
 Soccer: August - April (9 months)  
 Lacrosse: November - April (7 months)  
 Football: August - December (5 months)



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- d. The following chart depicts NRPR’s proposed community center fees compared with local Parks and Rec Departments.

<b>COMMUNITY CENTER RECREATION PROGRAM FEES</b>			
		<b>Fee: Resident</b>	<b>Fee: non-resident</b>
<b>City of Tucson</b>	Kidco Afterschool Aug-May	\$500/school year	\$625/school year
	Kidco Summer 8 week session	\$250/8 week session	\$314/8 week session
	Junior Staff in Training	\$70/8 week session	\$88/8 week session
	In-Betweeners club Summer 8 week session	\$70/8 week session	\$88/8 week session
<b>Sierra Vista</b>	Summer Recreation	\$115/week	n/a
<b>Sahuarita</b>	Camp Sahuarita	\$75/week	n/a
		\$45/week	n/a
<b>Marana</b>	doesn't offer camp programs		
	doesn't offer after school programs		
<b>Oro Valley</b>	STEM camp	\$60/week	n/a
	Camp SPLASH	\$135/week	n/a
	Camp Swim Play Fun	\$150/week	n/a

- e. The following chart depicts 18 of 22 **(82%) Arizona PR departments are allowing constituents** the ability to purchase a beer/wine special use permit while renting a ramada.
  - i. During the compilation of the beer/wine permit chart, NRPR noticed a discrepancy from a previous memo dated February 3, 2023, to County Administration. Previous memo, page 3, paragraph d stated, **“Beer and Wine Permit: 21 of 24 (88%) Arizona PR departments are allowing constituents** the ability to purchase a beer/wine special use permit while renting a ramada.” After tabulating the data for this memo, the correct statistics should read: **“18 of 22 (82%) Arizona PR departments are allowing constituents** the ability to purchase a beer/wine special use permit while renting a ramada.”

<b>BEER AND WINE PERMIT</b>		
<b>Municipality:</b>	<b>Beer&amp;Wine:</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Apache Junction	Yes	\$10 1 day, \$25 multiple day
Casa Grande	Yes	\$6.25/hr (4 hour min)
Chandler	Yes	\$14 resident, \$19 non
City of Peoria	Yes	\$10 day resident or \$20 non
City of Tucson	Yes	\$25 residents, \$30 non
Flagstaff	Yes	no fee
Fountain Hills	Yes	\$20
Gilbert	Yes	\$50
Goodyear	Yes	\$50 resident
Marana	Yes	\$5 per hour (4 max)
Maricopa	Yes	\$35
Mesa	Yes	\$25
Nogales	No	
Oro Valley	No	
Pima County	No	
Pinal County	Yes	\$10
Queen Creek	Yes	\$20
Sahuarita	Yes	\$25
Sierra Vista	Yes	\$10
Surprise	Yes	\$10 resident, \$20 non
Tempe	Yes	\$15 resident, \$20 non
Yuma	Yes	\$25

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