

## **DECEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER**

#### **GM Corner**

As 2024 comes to a close, it also signals the end of a difficult 18 months for the agency. Since August of last year, the parks and recreation staff have been working on a skeleton crew, and the golf course has not been able to accomplish some of the improvements because of funding levels. In December, we anticipate finally getting the money from the tax increase voted on last year, and we can begin to staff to an appropriate level to provide the level of service expected on a more consistent basis. We were operating on a million-dollar shortfall, and this severely impacted our operations. We were only able to not have to borrow on future funds because of an active volunteer effort. I would like to personally thank Joyce McMullen, who had chaired the Stansbury Days events for two years when the agency unexpectedly had to take over that event. Lauren Jones has led the lake cleanup effort and the Phragmites eradication effort. Will Pineda has singlehandedly kept up with the lake monitoring and helped with the phragmites effort. Meg and Greg Payeur, Randy and Karen Harris, Wendy Chinn Johansen, and others have provided a lot of ideas and hard work to offset costs with new revenue streams. Mary Wilson has filled in for our lack of a staff gardener. In addition to that, many people have just pitched in on their own to help out. One of those is Chris Headden, who, on his own, spends mornings picking up trash around the lake. These people deserve a big thanks from the community because without their efforts, and those of many more, we would be in a much more precarious position.

I would also like to remind residents that there is no driving on any of the green spaces with any vehicles other than golf carts, and those are not allowed in parks. There is no overnight parking at any time, including watercraft on the agency lakefront.

~James Hanzelka

#### JustServe.org Stansbury Park Community Cares, Project #14

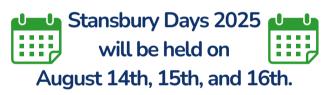


Please join our ongoing initiative, taking place on the island, opposite 87 Lakeview Drive. We are seeking volunteers to help with tasks such as mowing grass, applying weed and feed as needed, trimming trees when necessary, collecting garbage, and clearing the lake finger tip area. Your support will make a meaningful difference in our community.





### **Mark Your Calendars!**



We're looking for volunteers to lead several exciting events: the vendor fair, paddle board race, cardboard boat race, and an overall event logistics lead. Without volunteers, some of these events may have to be cancelled. If you're interested in volunteering or have questions, please reach out to us at <a href="mailto:serviceagency@stansburypark.org">serviceagency@stansburypark.org</a>. Thank you again for your support, and we look forward to seeing you at our future events!

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- SSA Board Work Meeting
   December 4. Held at Clubhouse
   at 7pm.
- Stansbury Christmas Market December
   7. The Vendor Market will be open from
   9 am to 3 pm. Family and children's pictures with Santa are from 10 am-2 pm. Santa pictures with dogs are from
   2-3 pm.
- <u>Budget Public Hearing</u>
   December 11. Held at Clubhouse at 6:30 pm.
- Polar Express Movie
   December 20. Clubhouse at 6 pm.
- Annual Polar Plunge
   Join us on January 1 at Stansbury Lake!
   Starts at noon by Clubhouse.





# **5K TURKEY TROT**

The 5k went really well. We had 150-200 participants do the 5k. There were many more who did not participate in the 5K but came and made donations for the food drive. We ended up having four large boxes full of food, around 200 pounds. At the event, we had anyone who was interested write what they were most thankful for in chalk on the sidewalk. Participants loved this idea and were eager to add to the sidewalk chalk. You may not have seen Monday after all the rain, but it was pretty neat.

Thank You For Your Donations!



# MISS STANSBURY

CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

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**MOVIE: POLAR EXPRESS** 

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Good for the whole Family!