

## Letter from the superintendent

I would like to thank all of our patrons at River Road Park and Recreation District for a very successful year! The Park District took on many challenges this year including the addition of a new computerized registration system which hopefully will make registration easier and park programs more cost effective.

We will be replacing our 27 year old boiler next summer. The boiler is our source of heat for the pool water and sections of our building.

River Road Park District was awarded an Oregon State Park and Recreation grant of \$189,000 to help remodel our wading pool, add spray park features, and make it more accessible! The Park District is looking forward to being able to complete this project within the next year as matching funds becomes available!

“Artie”, our mobile art bus, was on the move this past summer. With the help of our community partners Imagination

International and Slocum Orthopedics, “Artie” was able to provide free art classes and activities to children at Emerald Park as well as several locations around town. ‘Artie’s” 10 week summer tour was a huge hit and we are preparing for an even better 2017. More information about “Artie’s” summer schedule will be posted in our Spring Program Guide.

Our Recreation and Aquatic staff continue to strive to create great activities for all ages, and our maintenance staff has done a fantastic job maintaining our building and grounds. Our Gymnastics program just completed hosting a state compulsory gymnastics meet for over 350 gymnasts, and our Aquatic department was awarded 2016 Best of Aquatics Award for Training by developing a training program for learn to swim instructors.

River Road Park District just completed hosting a public forum to entertain the formation of a metropolitan Park District that would serve all of the greater Eugene area with quality park and recreation services. This forum was well received with many positive comments. It will be our focus to work with both the city of Eugene and Lane County to create a feasibility study to see what it would take to accomplish this idea.

I know I speak for all of our staff when I say it’s a privilege to be part of this community! We will continue in 2017 to strive to provide a wide array of parks and recreation services in the River Road area.

Happy New Year!

Dale Weigandt