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# Message From The General Manager

## Parks Make Life Better!™

This past fiscal year started off really strong. 2019 had seen growth in enrollments, camps, programs, sports use, and Mare Island Sports Complex was also hitting their stride. 2020 was just as strong in January. February there were rumors of a virus. Early March had a proposal of shelter in place for 3 weeks. That's when Recreation took a hit. Recreation ground to a halt, and Mare Island Sports Complex had to close. Although Parks have remained open, Recreation was trying to reinvent themselves. We are still at that slow climb back to gathering with friends for recreational activities.

Financially we had a strong 3 quarters to help balance the drop in the last quarter. GVRD still ended with some excess revenue.

Our major project of the Cunningham Pool renovation began this fiscal year, and multiple phases will take a few years for all the upgrades to be completed. We have other improvements in the pipeline.

Our next fiscal year will still carry over the effects of COVID-19 and how we live, but there is hope that vaccines will be widely available in mid 2021.

I have to give credit to our staff who keep trying to provide safe, clean, green parks during this time, and our Recreation staff who are trying their best for the community.

I have been with GVRD for almost 10 years, and I am happy to assist this community in making improvements to Parks and Recreation. We have many projects on our checklist, but I value the community and the Board of Director's guidance on the direction they would like to go. My goal is to make the lives of the community and visitors better with what we provide.

As we have seen with COVID-19, public park space is a resource that is much desired and needed.

El pasado año fiscal comenzó muy fuerte. 2019 había visto un crecimiento en las inscripciones, campamentos, programas, uso deportivo, y Mare Island Sports Complex también estaba avanzando. 2020 fue igual de fuerte en enero. Febrero hubo rumores de un virus. A principios de marzo tenía una propuesta de refugio para 3 semanas. Fue entonces cuando Recreation recibió un golpe. El terreno de recreación se detuvo y el complejo deportivo de Mare Island tuvo que cerrar. Aunque los parques han permanecido abiertos, Recreación estaba tratando de reinventarse. Todavía estamos en ese lento ascenso de regreso a reunirnos con amigos para actividades recreativas.

Financieramente, tuvimos 3 trimestres sólidos para ayudar a equilibrar la caída del último trimestre. GVRD aún terminó con un exceso de ingresos.

Nuestro principal proyecto de renovación de la piscina Cunningham comenzó este año fiscal y las múltiples fases tomarán algunos años para todas las actualizaciones. Tenemos otras mejoras en trámite.

Nuestro próximo año fiscal seguirá traspasando los efectos de COVID-19 y cómo vivimos. Existe la esperanza de que las vacunas de múltiples empresas estén ampliamente disponibles a mediados de 2021.

Tengo que dar crédito a nuestro personal que sigue tratando de proporcionar parques verdes, limpios y seguros durante este tiempo. Así como el personal de recreación que está haciendo todo lo posible por la comunidad.

He estado con GVRD durante casi 10 años y estoy feliz de ayudar a esta comunidad a hacer mejoras a los Parques y Recreación. Tenemos muchos proyectos en nuestra lista de verificación, pero valoro a la comunidad y la orientación de la Junta Directiva sobre la dirección en la que les gustaría ir. Mi objetivo es mejorar la vida de la comunidad y los visitantes con lo que ofrecemos.

Como hemos visto con COVID-19, el espacio para parques públicos es un recurso muy deseado y necesario.

**Gabriel Lanusse**  
General Manager

# Financial Highlights

## Fiscal Year 2019-2020



### REVENUES

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>CHANGES</u>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>			
Property Taxes	4,905,942	4,594,825	311,117
Other Local Revenues	243,394	138,300	105,094
Facilities	17,076	370,000	(352,924)
Park Maintenance & Visitor Service	139,311	218,400	(79,089)
Recreation	2,272,584	3,216,982	(944,398)
Measure K	2,066,403	2,107,517	(41,114)
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>9,644,710</b>	<b>10,646,024</b>	<b>(1,001,314)</b>

### EXPENDITURES

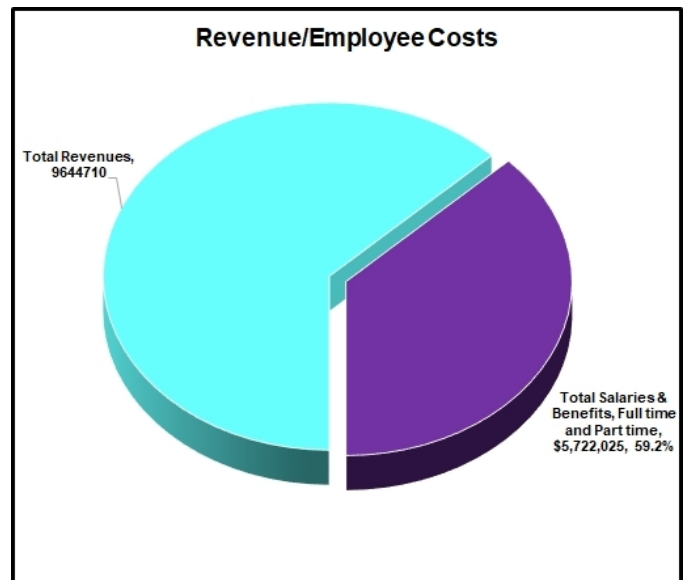
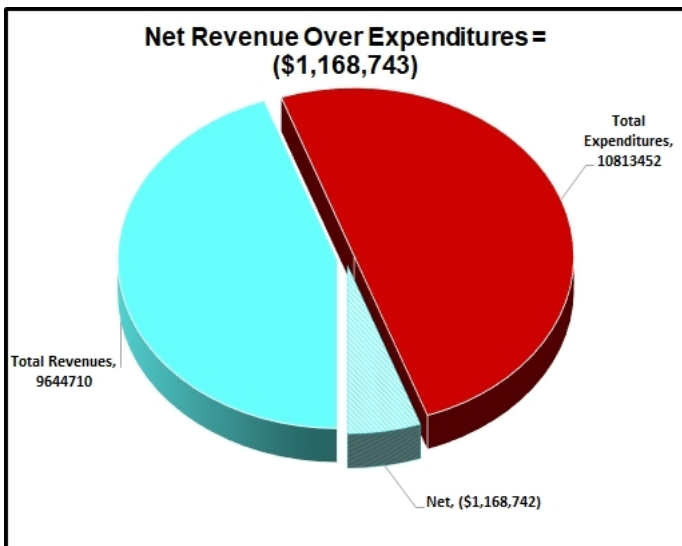
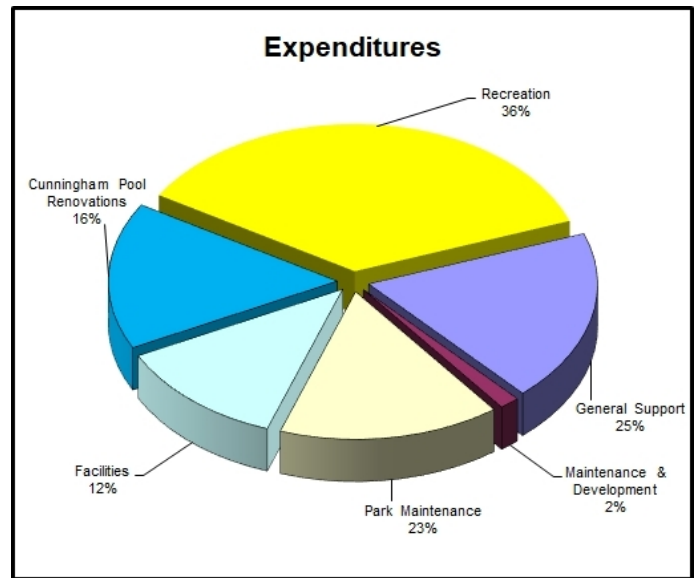
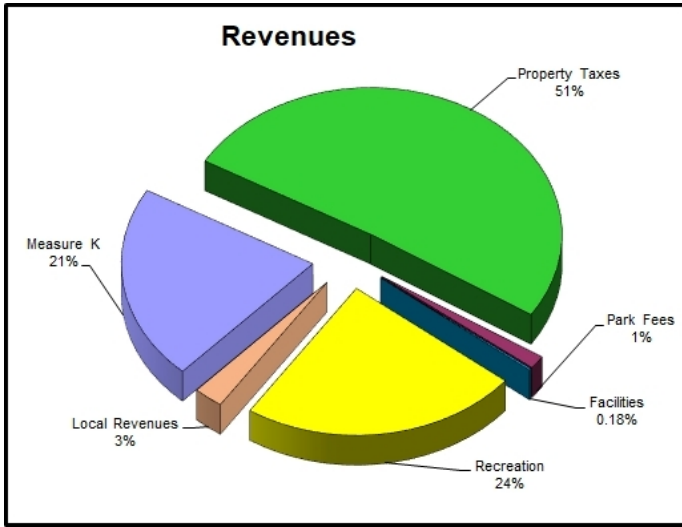
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>			
General Support & Administration	2,034,270	2,331,099	296,829
Park Maintenance & Visitor Service	244,359	264,197	19,838
Landscaping and Grounds	1,599,627	1,868,325	268,698
Facilities	1,319,818	1,601,536	281,718
Recreation	3,868,329	4,337,342	469,013
10 Yr. Master Plan	7,498	0	(7,498)
Maintenance Vehicles (4)	29	0	(29)
Cunningham Pool Renovations	1,739,522	0	(1,739,522)
Equipment & Others	0	143,525	143,525
Retiree Medical Benefit - OPEB	0	100,000	100,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>10,813,452</b>	<b>10,646,024</b>	<b>(167,428)</b>

<b>NET REVENUES OVER (EXPENDITURES)</b>	<b>(1,168,742)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(1,168,742)</b>
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# Financial Allocation

## Fiscal Year 2019-2020



Measure K is a voter approved parcel tax of \$48 a year, assessed to property owners within the Greater Vallejo Recreation District. Originally passed in 2012 and approved for a 15 year extension in 2017, Measure K required a 2/3 super majority of voters to become law. This success at the ballot box highlights how committed a majority of Vallejo is to seeing that our parks and programs continue going strong. Senior citizens 65 years and over may apply for an exemption on their home.

First passed at a time of recession and city bankruptcy, Measure K has always been a bulkhead against a fluctuating economy. As we move to overcome the recent challenges brought on by COVID-19, Measure K continues to be a vital lifeline, enabling us to keep our parks open and safe, and continue to provide recreation opportunities when it's safe to do so.

This revenue stream provides the district with approximately \$2 million per year and Measure K money does not go towards wages or benefits for full time district employees. Just some of the things Measure K helps pay for are: playground upgrades and repairs, lighting upgrades at our parks and sports fields, HVAC upgrades at our community centers - most recently at Foley Cultural Center, and electricity and gas at our facilities and centers.

Measure K also helps pay the wages of our amazing part time workforce including the staff at Cunningham Pool, Children's Wonderland, our Kids Club before and after school programs, break and summer camp programs, Cubbies and Grizzlies sports programs, Visitor Services at our parks, our Custodial and Community Center Monitor staff and more!

One of the most visible improvements made possible by Measure K is the recent addition of a brand new horse drawn pumpkin carriage and pirate ship to Children's Wonderland. We can't wait until it's safe again to open up the castle doors and let kids come and enjoy them!

# Voter Approved Measure K



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# Human Resources

In early July, 2019, Human Resources was very excited about planning for a busy and productive 2020 with GVRD. We were planning for a Classification Study, implementation of a new Human Resources Information System (HRIS), researching electronic recruitment software, and welcoming the newly hired Board Clerk and Maintenance Superintendent to the Executive Team. As we moved forward into the first quarter of FY 19-20, Human Resources was working with CalPERS for a Compliance Audit, researching moving employees to electronic systems, managing interviews for open positions, juggling a few personnel priorities, and helping plan for a successful 75th Anniversary celebration.

As we went into the next quarter, Human Resources was working to roll out important compliance trainings, researching and doing demonstrations with possible HRIS solutions, assisting with interviews for Admin Support and Parks Supervisor open recruitments, planning and attending the 75th Anniversary celebrations, and meeting with GVRD's benefits broker in hopes of offering more robust benefits options to our employees. HR led the interviews with Classification Study consultants and ultimately assisted in choosing the consultant to work with GVRD to conduct our Classification Study. To round out the end of the year, Human Resources helped the General Manager propose the new position of Project Manager, open recruitment for that position, and prepare for interviews in the new year. Last, but certainly not least, we had our first successful benefits open enrollment with our new benefits broker assisting us.

As GVRD entered 2020, things were looking pretty bright. We were hopeful to recruit and hire open positions and offer more recreation to the community. We were able to interview and hire for our new Project Manager position. While other interviews were in effect and we were excited to add new team members to our staff, things shifted in late February. As we all know, into the early parts of March, 2020, we were hearing about possible shut downs due to COVID-19. In an abundance of caution, GVRD decided not to continue moving recruitment forward until we had more information about COVID-19. For the remainder of FY 19-20, HR was pivoted to help oversee the necessary shifts and policy updates to keep up with frequently changing employee and public health guidelines for COVID-19, and was able to roll out the first HRIS for GVRD in May of 2020.

The Maintenance Department worked hard in 2019-2020 to keep our parks and buildings looking great and in tip top shape. As part of our goal to modernize and reduce energy consumption, lighting was upgraded to LED at Dan Foley, Crest Ranch, and Wardlaw Dog Parks. Pickleball courts at Glen Cove Park were upgraded with an intermediate barrier between courts. New gates were installed at Blue Rock Springs Park and the HVAC system at our Foley Cultural center was upgraded and modernized. In collaboration with the Solano Watershed Alliance, work continued on the Lake Dalwigk restoration project, including cleanups and plantings of native species. At Grant Mahony Park a new labyrinth was unveiled in partnership with Vibe Solano, and we've worked with the Vallejo Rose Society to make improvements to the rose garden, installed trellis, benches, and upgraded irrigation. Children's Wonderland saw the installation of two brand new play structures, a pirate ship and a horse drawn pumpkin carriage. In conjunction with the Bay Area Ridge Trail, new signs and markers were installed at Blue Rock Springs, Hanns, and Glen Cove Waterfront Parks. GVRD staff continued to collaborate with CalFire on the removal of overgrown vegetation at Hanns and Dan Foley Parks, and with the City of Vallejo on the removal of hazardous trees in our parks.

In the second half of the fiscal year, maintenance priorities had to quickly pivot due to COVID-19. In order to promote health and safety among the public and our staff, many measures were put into place throughout the district. Social distancing and mask requirement signage was installed on the interior and exteriors of all district buildings as well as around our parks. Plexiglas cough barriers were installed in multiple locations in our offices and centers and air filter replacement intervals were increased dramatically. In our parks, restrooms were ordered closed for a time and before they reopened, we installed touch-less soap dispensers. To help people in our community without housing, who rely on access to restrooms for fresh water, outdoor water spigots were installed at multiple locations to meet that need while facilities remained closed.

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# Parks & Facilities



GVRD aquatics began the new fiscal year with our long-standing tradition of participating in the annual 4th of July parade, although we did not place this year it was a great opportunity to promote Cunningham Aquatics and see all the familiar faces from the facility out in the community. Summer 2019 ended successfully with our four aquatic camps reaching maximum registration and 1,956 registrations

for our swim lessons program, emphasizing the importance of learning how to swim and aquatic safety. We made a considerable effort updating curriculum and swim instructor development and training.

The lap swimming program and recreation swim programs both saw increases in participation due to the organization of pool space. We were able to offer lap swim during recreation swim hours satisfying the needs of both programs, and with the attention to detail in regards to pool space, more lanes were available for these programs than ever before. As we transitioned into fall we continued to host several local high school water polo teams and the Vallejo Aquatic Club swim team. The After School at the Pool program continued in the fall and winter season providing a safe environment after school for youth to learn to swim.

On February 28th, 2020, the Cunningham Aquatic Complex closed for a major repair and renovation of the pool, pool deck, and pool mechanics. What was scheduled for a 120 day project was extended into a 180 day project due to additional work added and delays as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The original project concluded in June 2020 and the addition of a new toddler pool began construction in June as well. The investment GVRD has made into Cunningham shows the importance of aquatics in our community and has set us up to continue to provide healthy and safe aquatic opportunities for many years to come.



# Aquatics Department

Cubbies and Grizzlies Sports Programs were maintaining average participation numbers in 2019. The Department redirected its focus on keeping all programs very organized and providing quality sports for the participants. Numbers are not as high as the past years, but overall complaints went down significantly. The Cubbies and Grizzlies programs also took a large loss of programming and revenue since the pandemic that hit in March 2020.



# Sports Department

The Sports Department held two successful camps over the holiday breaks; Thanksgiving All Sports Camp and Summer Break Sports Camp. All of our camps featured many arts and crafts activities as well as a conjoined carnival with the Youth Department to celebrate the campers' success.

In 2020, we also decided to create more partnerships with sports and fitness contractors. Starting in the month of March and ending in June, we were able to obtain six new contracting partners and classes. Programs include; Get Tah Steppin With Jay, Optimal Body Fitness, Learning in the Field, Kidz Love Soccer, National Academy of Athletics, New Frontier Tennis, and 008 Training. We hope to continue in this new direction.

2019-2020 was the initial start for the Sports Department to take over field reservations. Since then the department has created a new Athletic Facility Use Permit Application, Master Field, Court, and Pit Policies, and COVID-19 Field Reservation Requirements. We have also included a new survey system which will provide us immediate feedback on our field quality and customer satisfaction from local teams and leagues.

2019-2020 was also the start of the Sports Department reviewing League and Team Field Lease Agreements. Since then we have reviewed agreements for the following; Vallejo Admirals, Greater Vallejo Tennis Association, Vallejo Little League, Vallejo Bocce Ball League, Vallejo Horseshoe League, Vallejo Babe Ruth, and Phenom Baseball.

Aside from programming, the department worked on field, court, and pit evaluations to determine any dangerous playing hazards or needed updates. We have high hopes in the future to dedicate more funds to painting and rehabilitating our current grass fields.

Total Sports Participants 2019-2020: 1,355.





This past year the Youth Department continued to provide quality programming for the youth in Vallejo. GVRD Kids Club programs offer before and after school care throughout the school year. Our partnership with Vallejo City Unified School District continues to thrive.

Youth Services continues to deliver staffing at 13 grant funded VCUSD Expanded Learning Program sites.

Top of the Bay camps did well in summer 2019. Our very popular FRESH Camp continued to thrive throughout the season as the camp reached capacity for eight weeks during the summer 2019.

# Youth Department

Our very first Winter at Wonderland event was held December 9-13th, 2019. Staff offered a variety of evening activities through- out the week. The newest attraction offered was the very popular Snow Day which was well attended! Photos with Santa were available for a nominal fee.

Children's Wonderland also hosted our popular Art & Concerts series as well as our Movies in the Park series this summer.

Nightmare on Glenn St continues to be a Vallejo tradition, drawing more than 1200 kids in 2019!



# Children's Wonderland

This fiscal year, Community Centers increased the hourly rates for non-profit, business, and private party reservations. We reviewed and updated GVRD's Policy #3075 - Use of Community Centers, and contracted with Security Enforcement Alliance for security guard services.

Throughout the year, we offered new contract classes such as Tiny Tots Ballet Folklorico for kids, Tap Dance for adults, and Core Chi & Paso A Pasito for seniors.

To maintain the upkeep of our facilities, we have scheduled monthly pest control and annual floor services. Additionally, some improvements included: increased parking lot lighting at Vallejo Community Center, new HVAC at the Foley Cultural Center, touch-up paint at all facilities, and upgrades to lobby furniture and marketing displays.

In 2019, the department hired a number of Center Monitors and a Custodian. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Recreation Coordinator position was placed on hold, and Community Centers temporarily closed, canceling classes and reservations until further notice. On the other hand, we were pleased to remain open for essential services such as distributions by Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano, Presidential Primary & Election Day, and a COVID-19 Testing Center by Solano County Public Health & City of Vallejo.

We have implemented stringent COVID-19 guidelines by cleaning the HVAC air ducts, and creating new protocols for classes and facility reservations. Also, we have completed the installation of signs, hand sanitizer dispensers, hands-free restroom door openers, and Plexiglas barriers for the safety of our employees and community.

# Community Centers

We look forward to gradually reopening our facilities for classes and reservations once permitted.

In 2019, GVRD celebrated its 75th birthday! What better way to celebrate than hosting a free event for the community? Rock the Block was held on Saturday, September 21, 2019. This action-packed event offered: face painting, live entertainment, vendors, food trucks, class demos and much more!

Following the Block Party, A Night to Remember Gala Dinner was held at the Foley Cultural Center on Saturday, November 2nd. This formal event featured a catered dinner, live entertainment, special guest speakers, and a no-host bar.



# Community Programs



In fall 2019, the department offered GVRD's first event especially for dog lovers and their pups, The Pup'kin Patch & Pooch Parade. This event was held at the Wardlaw Dog Park. Owners showcased their pups' costumes in a Halloween Costume Contest & played games for a chance to win cool prizes. Judges selected the cutest, best dressed, and most creative costumes. Many Vallejo pet owners registered and dressed up in costume in support of their dogs. This event wouldn't have been possible without the help of our sponsors: Broadway Pet Hospital, Pet Food Express, Humane Society of the North Bay, Haute Dog Pup Boutique, Powell Bros. Feed & Pet Supply & The Poodle Parlor.

In the spring of 2019, we hosted GVRD's first Ties and Tiaras Event, a semi-formal Mommy, Son and Daddy, Daughter event. This themed party offered 40 families a space to dance, bond with their family, play games and create memories!



Due to the pandemic, the department wasn't able to host its annual Egg Hunt event. However, Thumper still wanted to make an appearance and bring a smile to the youth in the community. Thumper's Grab-N-Go, a drive thru event was created. Over 100 cars lined up to snap a photo with Thumper and receive their free bag of candy-filled eggs, favors, and activity booklet.



# Board of Directors

GVRD is an independent special district. The five board members are appointed by the Vallejo City Council and the Solano County Board of Supervisors. The City appoints three members and the County appoints two members. Each member is appointed to a four year term, and the appointments are staggered as to ensure that all terms do not expire at the same time.

The Directors for GVRD have an important role as they are a policy board and are responsible to ensure that the District is managed in a fiscally responsible manner. They also ensure that the business of the District is conducted in a transparent and open manner. The Board meets twice a month, on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month.

**Karen Sims - In Memorium**

*Appointed by City Council  
Term Jan 1, 2020 - Dec 11, 2020*



**Ron Bowen**

*Appointed by Supervisor Brown  
Term Aug 21, 2019 - Sep 7, 2023*



**Robert Briseno**

*Appointed by City Council  
Term Jan 24, 2018 - Dec 31, 2021*



**Sheryl Pannell Lea**

*Appointed by Supervisor Hannigan  
Term Sep 12, 2017 - Sep 7, 2021*



**Gary Salvadori**

*Appointed by City Council  
Term Jan 1, 2020 - Dec 31, 2023*





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- Boy Scout Troop 8
- Break It Down Soul Line Dance
- Cal Maritime
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- La Clinica
- City of Vallejo
- Costco Wholesale
- CrossFit Redux
- Cub Scout Pack 118
- Earl's BBQ
- Empress Theater
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- Filice Insurance
- Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano
- FRESH Camp Performers
- Friends of Lake Chabot
- Frog's Leap Winery
- GVRD Board of Directors
- GVRD Jazz Band
- GVRD Zumba Instructors
- Humane Society of the North Bay
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