The annual Summer Staff In-Service day was held on Saturday, May 18, at the Montanoso Recreation and Fitness Center. The training included instruction on customer service, staff policies, membership procedures and facility emergency action plans (EAP). During the training, there were opportunities for the staff to have open discussions and breakout sessions to troubleshoot ideas and converse about potential emergency scenarios. The lifeguard staff reviewed water safety protocols, practiced water rescue skills and CPR procedures. This training is vital to the team and allows staff to be fully prepared for the summer season.
EMPLOYEE BIKE RIDE

On Monday, the City hosted an employee “Bike to the Oso Creek Golf Course” event in honor of National Bike Month, offering City staff the opportunity to show support for the environment while participating in a team-building activity that reduces our carbon footprint. More than 30 employees attended the event. The riders departed the North Paseo at LOS OSOS and rode along the Oso Creek Trail, ultimately arriving at the golf course for appetizers.
WINE AND PAINT EVENT

Once again the Oso Creek Golf Course played host to a successful Potocki Center for the Arts wine and paint event. On Monday, May 20, the Garden + Grille was the perfect backdrop for 25 Mission Viejo Monets as they painted, drank wine and enjoyed the incredible views in every direction. As the sun set, the 3rd and final Potocki wine and art event for this season was brought to a close. We thank the golf course for their hospitality and look forward to partnering with them again in the future.
WILDLIFE PRESENTATION

This past Wednesday, Mission Viejo Animal Services and the HOWL team gave a presentation about local wildlife to TK students at George White Elementary school. The students learned all about our local apex predators, slithery snakes, and birds of prey. We were able to bring along some snakes for viewing and some for petting, and a scorpion was found at the school so the kids got to learn about that, too! The students practiced and mastered their animal sounds during the presentation and everyone had a great time. The school was so kind and made a generous donation to D.A.W.G. (Dedicated Animal Welfare Group) along with big thank you card to the MVAS staff. It’s important for kids to learn at a young age about what to do when encountering some of the potentially dangerous animals in our environment, and with a little education, everyone feels safer and more confident to enjoy nature.
SENIOR DROP & GO FOOD DRIVE

The Senior Leadership Committee hosted a senior Drop-and-Go food drive at the North Paseo at LOS OSOS on Monday, May 20, from 9 to 11 am. Patrons dropped off more than 250 donated items that will help support the senior grocery program at the Norman P. Murray Center. This program supports 80 to 100 low- and fixed-income seniors with dry and perishable goods on a weekly basis.

MERMAID STORYTIME

On May 18, 85 parents and kids stopped by the Friend’s Storytime Room to enjoy a special Mermaid Storytime with Marigold the Mermaid. Guests dressed up, danced, sang, played with bubbles, and listened to stories about mermaids. At the end of the program, pictures were taken with Marigold and she got lots of hugs from her new human friends.
KIDS YOGA AT THE LIBRARY

This past week children and their caregivers enjoyed yoga at the library! Certified yoga instructor Gina Velez hosted three yoga programs for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers. Gina masterfully combined movement, mindfulness, and storytelling to reinforce early childhood skills like self-regulation and social-emotional learning. There was plenty of balancing, stretching, and strengthening, too. There is nothing cuter than watching kids try yoga for the first time!