

II SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS AND AMENITIES



A. Background

The social and recreational programs and amenities offered by the GRF, by resident clubs, and collaboratively between the two constitute a key aspect of Rossmoor that makes it such a desirable community. These programs and amenities provide outlets for social interaction, community service, religious observance, cultural experiences, fitness, and recreation.

Volunteers provide a variety of valuable services, including programs serving recreational centers and events, and weekly lunches. Counseling Services and Recreation coordinate volunteer activities.

Over 200 clubs and organizations at Rossmoor provide service, cultural, support, social, fitness, sports, arts and crafts, political, spiritual, and heritage activities. Clubs are supported by the community through the provision of meeting space and other facilities and lockers for storage. In general, clubs do not have dedicated meeting space, but some clubs are responsible for specialized spaces tailored to their needs.

Recreational programs include annual parties, a weekly Fun Day, monthly dances, regular movie showings, ticketed performances, and day trips and tours. A weekly summer farmers' market brings fresh produce to the community.

Adult education programs at Rossmoor are provided in collaboration with local schools, including offerings showcasing the talents and knowledge of Rossmoor residents. These programs cover a wide array of topics of interest to residents. The school district collaborates with the Computer Center, which provides educational and recreational opportunities through computer-based learning.

In addition to the programs and amenities described above, GRF provides access to services that benefit community members. These include the Handyman program, available for purchase, club and organization insurance negotiated at a group rate, safe driver training, and financial assistance administered through Counseling Services. These amenities add to the convenience of living in Rossmoor.

B. Goals, Policies, and Actions

Goal SRP-I	A wide range of social, cultural, and recreational opportunities appealing to the diversity of Rossmoor residents.
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Policies

Policy SRP-I.1 Balance the provision of social, cultural, and recreational opportunities that serve active residents with opportunities for those who are physically challenged in their ability to participate.

- Policy SRP-1.2 Support groups, clubs, and organizations undertaking social, cultural, and recreational activities, including active recreation such as sports, through provision of appropriate space and facilities and administration of insurance.
- Policy SRP-1.3 Encourage volunteerism by identifying and publicizing volunteer opportunities.
- Policy SRP-1.4 Provide a travel and excursion program on a cost-recovery basis which may expand or reduce the program as usage and interest indicate.
- Policy SRP-1.5 Provide a variety of performances, including movies, live entertainment, readings, and other events of interest to Rossmoor residents.
- Policy SRP-1.6 Provide recreational and social opportunities throughout the week, including evenings and weekends, to ensure that working and non-working residents can enjoy them.

Actions

- Action SRP-1.1 Implement an outdoor activity during the warm months on a cost recovery basis; which should be focused on food and be broadly desirable to all residents.
- Action SRP-1.2 Consider expanding movie offerings, in terms of the variety of movies shown and the number of showings of popular features.
- Action SRP-1.3 Work with the Activities Council to assess current locker storage needs for clubs and organizations and assess an annual fee for locker use.

Goal SRP-2 Cultural and educational programs that provide opportunities for life-long enjoyment and learning.
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Policies

- Policy SRP-2.1 Work with local educational institutions and libraries to provide a wide range of educational options that are appropriate to Rossmoor's population and available at convenient times and locations.

- Policy SRP-2.2 Include Rossmoor residents when designing educational programs to ensure that those interested in sharing their experiences and expertise have opportunities to do so.

- Policy SRP-2.3 Provide space and organizational support for the Rossmoor libraries. Explore ways to update library technology to meet the needs of current and future library patrons.