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**UPPER VALLEY PARK AND RECREATION SERVICE AREA (PRSA)
ANNOUNCES RECREATIONAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

LEAVENWORTH, WA - The Upper Valley Park & Recreation Service Area (PRSA) has launched a recreation needs assessment of the Upper Valley community. The project will continue through the summer and early fall via various community outreach methods, with results and analysis due to the PRSA by October 1, 2021.

The PRSA is a Special Purpose District governed by a volunteer board representing Chelan County, the City of Leavenworth, Peshastin Community Council, Chumstick Community Council, and Cascade School District #228. The district was originally established in 1997 to fund the construction of the community pool in centrally located Leavenworth. PRSA residents continue to support the majority of the pool's operational and maintenance costs via an Operations & Maintenance Levy; the City of Leavenworth operates the community pool. The current levy expires in 2022 and information gathered from this needs assessment will be used to update a funding levy to bring to voters in early 2022.

“The Upper Valley is growing, and it’s vital that we listen carefully and understand the community’s recreational priorities and interests, which can shift over time, so that the PRSA can better serve the community into the future,” said Kiah Patzkowsky, PRSA Coordinator.

She also emphasized that this outreach effort is occurring during the same time frame that the City of Leavenworth continues to gather community feedback for the Osborn Elementary school property purchased earlier this year., The City and PRSA have different and distinct objectives, and have separate outreach methods. Nonetheless, the PRSA remains tuned-in to the general conversation surrounding local desires and wishes for enhanced recreation options.

There are many ways that the PRSA will reach out to the community:

- The PRSA will be at the Leavenworth Community Farmers Market – City of Leavenworth booth on Thursday, July 29th to speak to customers and visitors about recreation topics.
- A national firm will conduct a statistically valid survey; selected residents will be contacted to complete a survey.
- The PRSA requests direct input and ideas via email:prsa@cityofleavenworth.com.
- The PRSA’s consultant team will conduct interviews with community stakeholders.

For more Information/ para más información, contact Kiah Ptzkowsky at prsa@cityofleavenworth.com.

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