Special Events Update - January - April 2023

The following event assessment was conducted from January – April 2023.

Astronomy Night - January 21

The Mary Vagle Nature Center hosted the first Astronomy Night on January 21. The event consisted of make and take crafts, rocket making and launching, and food vendors. The evening ended with a presentation by The Astronomy Man and an opportunity for community members to observe the new moon. Nearly **300** community members enjoyed the new event and the opportunity to stroll through the Mary Vagel Nature Center and all that it has to offer.

FAC Swim Meet – January 21-22

The Fontana Aquatics Club hosted their Co-Sponsored winter swim meet at Fontana Park Aquatics Center the weekend of January 21-22. Even with the blistery weather, participants varying from age 5-18 competed in this sanctioned event. **600** swimmers participated in the two-day event with nearly 1,500 spectators.

Black History Parade – February 25

The Concerned Citizens for the Development of North Fontana's Co-Sponsored Black History Parade was canceled due to inclement weather. The regularly annual event typically takes place southbound along Citrus Ave, from Summit to Sierra Lakes Pkwy.

Jazz Fest – February 25

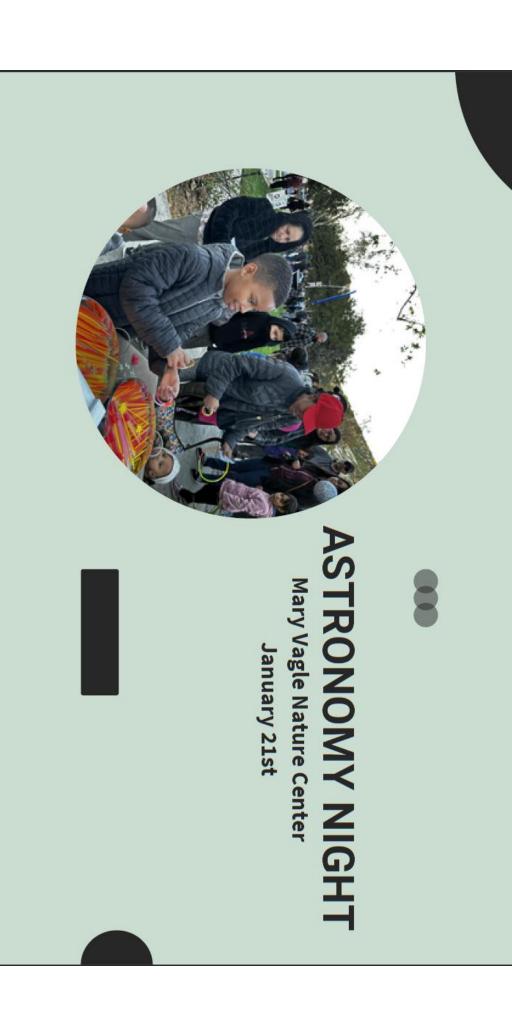
The unexpected snowy weather did not stop more than **500** people from attending the 2023 Jazz Fest: A Black History Celebration. This year's event was moved indoors to Steelworkers' Auditorium and the Lewis Library due to inclement weather. The event opened with a lively performance from New Orleans Style Jazz Band – Red Light Brass Band, and continued with amazing performances by Durell Anthony and Caleb Minter. Participants were invited to visit 19 vendors inside the facility selling their artist creations including homemade perfumes, toys, clothes, and more. The Cultural Arts Division looks forward to next year's Jazz Fest in February 2024.

Upcoming Events: April 2023

Event Name	Date	Time	Location
Special Olympics	April	8am-4pm	Fontana Park
Regional Games			Aquatics Center
Fontana Car Show	April 7	5pm – 9pm	Civic Center
			Campus
Easter Events	April 8	10am	Jessie Turner Center, Cypress Center, Don Day Center
Earth Day	April 22		Mary Vagle Nature Center

Special Needs Resource Fair	April 29	10am – 2pm	Fontana Police Department Parking Lot
IE Ronald McDonald House Walk for Kids	April 30	7am – 12pm	Fontana Park

SPECIAL EVENTS UPDATE



FAC SWIM MEET Fontana Aquatic Center January 21-22



THE BLACK HISTORY PARADE AND EXPO February 25th













EASTER EVENTS

Don Day Cypress Center <u>April 8th</u> Jessie Turner



Regional Games April 1st FPAC **Special Olympic**





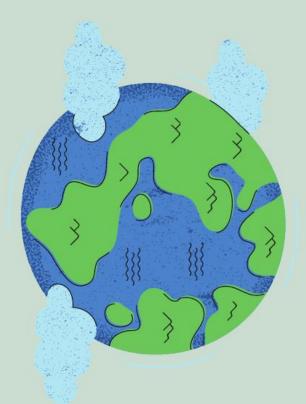
<u>April 7th</u> Civic Center Campus





Mary Vagle Nature Center EARTH DAY

April 22nd



SPECIAL NEEDS RESOURCE FAIR

April 29th







Ronald McDonald Walk for Kids

April 30th Fontana Park

QUESTIONS?