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Valley-Wide Recreation to celebrate 50th anniversary with free community party

Valley-Wide Recreation and Park District is turning 50 years old in 2022. The anniversary will be celebrated at events all year, but no more so than at a community party Saturday, April 2 at Diamond Valley Lake Community Park.

The event will begin at 2 p.m. following our Opening Day Ceremonies for Youth Baseball and Girls Softball and include free admission, music, food, games and a laser show.

Highlighting the night will be two concerts. Boys of Summer, a tribute to The Eagles, will play all the classic hits, such as Take it Easy, Peaceful Easy Feeling, Life in the Fast Lane, New Kid in Town and Hotel California.

Earlier in the event, Kelsey Bridges will perform modern country music from artists such as Danielle Bradbury, Miranda Lambert and Chris Stapleton.

The party will include jumpers, food trucks and carnival games.

Valley-Wide was officially formed July 27, 1972, after San Jacinto Valley voters approved funding a recreation and park district. Starting with one park, Valley-Wide has grown into one of the largest Recreation and Park Districts in California with almost 100 parks and recreation facilities in an 850-square mile area that stretches from the San Jacinto Valley to French Valley and into the San Jacinto Mountains and is home to more than 275,000 residents. There are parks, community centers and/or facilities in San Jacinto, Hemet, Valle Vista, Menifee, Winchester, French Valley and Aguanga.

Diamond Valley Community Park is at 1806 Angler Avenue in Hemet, near Diamond Valley Lake. For information, call 951-654-1505 or visit gorecreation.org.



Performers scheduled for Valley-Wide Recreation's 50th anniversary celebration April 2 at Diamond Valley Lake Community Park are Boys of Summer, top, playing the music of The Eagles, and modern country artist Kelsey Bridges, below.