



County of Santa Cruz

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, OPEN SPACE & CULTURAL SERVICES

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DIRECTOR

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA

Monday, October 1, 2018
7:00pm – 9:00pm
Regular Meeting

Simpkins Swim Center
979 17th Avenue
Santa Cruz, CA 95062

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS OR LATE ADDITIONS

III. CONSENT AGENDA (Action)

- A. Approve minutes from August 6, 2018.....Pages 2-3
- B. Consider Reports:
 - 1. Maintenance Section – Status ReportPages 4-6
 - 2. Planning Section – Status Report.....Pages 7-8
 - 3. Aquatics Section – Status Report.....Pages 9-12
 - 4. Cultural Services Section – Status Report.....Pages 13
 - 5. Volunteer Program – Status Report.....Pages 14-21
 - 6. Facilities Section – Status Report.....Pages 22-23

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Opportunity for persons to address the Commission on matters which are within the scope of responsibility of the Commission but not on today's agenda. Presentations must not exceed three (3) minutes in length, and individuals may speak only once during Oral Communications.

V. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

VII. REGULAR AGENDA – Informational Items

VIII. REGULAR AGENDA – Action Items

- a. Commission to decide on action for Measure G

IX. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE LISTING (none)

X. ADJOURNMENT



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PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION Minutes of August 6, 2018, 7:00 p.m. meeting 85 Nielson Street Watsonville, CA 95076

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Steven Bennett, Jim Rapoza, Mariah Roberts, Kate Minott, Alex Sibille
Staff: Jeff Gaffney, Jennifer Mead

II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS (none)

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Accept agenda as presented (Roberts/ Minott 5/0)

Correction to June 4, 2018 minutes: Under Commissioner Reports Section V. first bullet should read "Minott". (Roberts/ Minott 5/0)

Accept and file reports. (Minott/ Rapoza 5/0)

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (none)

V. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- Rapoza – commend staff on Ben Lomond park, it looks great. The basketball courts were resurfaced, there's new fencing; too bad we can't renovate the dam for a swimming area. Want to thank Mark Stone for the additional \$1 million that will go to the Felton Library and Discovery Park. Will Fournier was able to get another grant from the CCC for a trail in the Discovery Park.
- Minott – The Seacliff neighbors were asking about Phase 2 of Seacliff Village Park. Part of Phase 2 is putting in a "skateable dot" which is a small skate site that would be accessible by wheelchair, skateboard and tricycle. The Seacliff neighbors are requesting that the campaign "toilet for tots" be started for SVP, which is something Supervisor Friend would support.
- Bennett – Most of my report will be part of the presentations tonight.
- Sibille – The Downtown Streets Team was working on cleaning up North County beaches. I've been talking about them for awhile and it's great to see they are putting in work up the coast.
- Roberts – We are \$300,000 from meeting the goal for LEO's Haven at Chanticleer Park. We are excited to start looking at programming and transportation for kids from all over the County to be able to get there – this is an essential part of the next stage and we have been in conversation with a number of partners and will definitely be working with the school district and other partners in South County to make sure that any kiddo that wants to take part in the inclusive programming (anti bias, anti bullying) will be able to, and the programming will be offered in English and in Spanish.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Director Jeff Gaffney gave his report to the Commission.

- July was a busy month for staff!

- Friday Night Recess was a lot of fun – over 4,500 people in attendance throughout the night.
- Family Fun Day – amazing event – really smooth for our first time, 2,000 attendees! It was a collaboration of Watsonville City Parks, Santa Cruz City Parks, County Parks, and The Boys and Girls Club.
- There was a nice ribbon cutting ceremony for Twin Lakes Beach on July 27th. Parks will begin to maintain the parkway once it is officially completed.
- Next two big events:
 - Parks and Rex, August 25th, and Family Fun Run on Sept 22nd.
 - Chanticleer Ground breaking planned for October 13th – we will keep you posted as details unfold.
 - The Animal Shelter will be occupying our Felt St. building with their Benefit Shop and will have a soft grand opening on August 16th.
- Pinto Lake Bike Pump Track – going to Board tomorrow 8/7 to ratify contract – we are still expecting construction to be completed by end of October.
- Half cent Sales tax increase being proposed at BOS meeting tomorrow. If approved – the sales tax measure will go on November ballot.
 - This sales tax increase will greatly benefit Parks! Provide funding for Chanticleer, Simpkins, HOS Linear Parkway, The Farm, Felton Nature Park, Aptos Village Park, South County Parks.
- Held interviews for two Maintenance worker positions – the interview team did a great job and will be making their final decisions on the candidates.
- Having problems at Moran – homeless people loitering in the parks
- We are implementing the new Active Net software to replace our antiquated software system and will ‘go live’ Sept 4th - admin staff is really working hard on this – I think we will see it pay off.
- Gretchen is retiring soon! We are going to miss her. We’re hoping she will come back and volunteer.

VII. REGULAR AGENDA – Information Items

- a. John Skinner gave a status update about the Pajaro Valley Sports Foundation
- b. Dave Kegebein gave a status update about the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds

VIII. REGULAR AGENDA – Action Items

- a. The Commission accepted and filed the Parks Department Strategic Plan (Minott/ Sibille 5/0)
- b. The Commission recommended that an interim bike pump track be pursued for The Farm Park and Directing the Parks Director to take all related and necessary actions to proceed with obtaining funding, an MOU with Mountain Bikers of Santa Cruz, and permit approvals to allow Mountain Bikers of Santa Cruz to construct and maintain bike pump tracks at the Farm Park. (Roberts/ Rapoza 5/0)

IX. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. (Minott/Sibille 5/0)



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Date: September 26, 2018
To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Eric Sturm, Park Superintendent
Subject: Maintenance Section Status Report

MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS

- By the time you read this report, Park Superintendent Gretchen Iliff will have worked her last day for County Parks and is retiring. She will be sorely missed, and we wish her all the luck!!
- Two new Maintenance Worker-I's have been selected and are being in-processed to start work soon.
- New Kubota tractor has been acquired for South county maintenance section

North Section: Scott Creek Beach, Greyhound Rock, Davenport Landing, Bonny Doon, Highlands, Ben Lomond, Wilder Hall, Miller Property, Pace Property, Felton Library, Quail Hollow, Felton Covered Bridge, Michael Gray Field, Emeline Complex, Government Center, Anna Jean Cummings, Twin Lakes, Chanticleer, Brommer, Felt, Floral, Jose Avenue, Winkle, Moran Lake, SC Gardens, Hook, Pleasure Point, and Live Oak area beach accesses (Geoffrey Lane, 12th, 13th, 20th, 21st, 26th, 35th, 38th, 41st)

- Scott Creek Beach bluffs, after 10-tons of rocks placed to stop illegal off-road use, damage still being seen to habitat, considering additional options
- Bonny Doon, pulled dumpster from parking lot, became eye sore and home-use bin
- Davenport Landing, Geotech report for new restroom done, plans and specs being finalized by SSA, then off to permits...
- Miller Property, met with nearby home owner to explore cooperative efforts to stop illegal dirt bike use
- Pace Property, staff took another hike to explore link trail between Pace and Miller properties
- Highlands Park, as anticipated, saw many lovely couples exchange life-long vows
- Quail Hollow Ranch, PG&E conducted helicopter ops from park to replace damage utility pole in rugged area
- Felton Covered Bridge, conducted "operation gopher" to reduce the mafia-style control of turf by the Geomyidae family
- Michael Gray Field, been making progress on limbing or removing hazardous trees
- 701 Government building, met with local native plant restoration groups to explore possible site for plant demonstration area

- Anna Jean Cummings, adjacent high school was using goats for plant control, apparently goats don't understand property lines and goats found nice things to eat in our park!!
- Twin Lakes Beachfront project, has still not come over to us for maintenance care, contractor has a few more items to complete
- Chanticleer, MARK your calendars!!, **October 13th at 10am** Ground-Breaking festival planned, very-very-very exciting!!!!!!
- Brommer, in prep for winter, local pickleball club installed wadding to help with debris control getting onto courts
- Jose Park, still sees quite a lot of graffiti and occasional overnight camper, neighbors very engaged and doing great job of monitoring park and contacting/involving law enforcement when necessary
- Moran Lake, restroom scheduled to get a new roof and coat of paint, needs it
- Santa Cruz Gardens, park neighbor had concerns about nearby school project that may affect park. School officials notified and intervened. More to follow
- Sunny Cove, sofa removed from beach, hmm, revenue generation possibilities on Air-BnB?

South Section: Coffee Lane, Soquel Lions, Heart of Soquel, The Farm, Richard Vessy, Willowbrook, Carmichael Trail, Polo Grounds, Valencia Hall, Hidden Beach, Seascape, Seacliff Neighborhood Park, Place de Mer, Aptos Village, Scott Park, Scott Estate, Aldridge Lane, Mesa Village, Pinto Lake, Freedom Annex, and South-County area beach accesses (Beer Can Beach, Dolphin-Sumner, Via Palo Alto, Via Trinita)

- Seacliff Neighborhood Village Park: "Little Free Library" installed adjacent to playground. Collaborative effort between the Live Like Coco foundation, community resident who donated nicely appointed box and Parks Dept. who installed the library.
- Soquel Lions Park: Sand area that had been closed since 2016/17 because of damages sustained by storms was reopened for public use. In place of play structure that was removed, Maintenance staff added a variety of temporary "backyard" games – bean bag toss, checkers, hopscotch and twister. More to come.....
- Hidden Beach: New concrete pad poured to accommodate new ADA portable toilet. New ADA drinking fountain with pet trough will be installed by the end of October. Drinking Fountain was donated by Rio Del Mar Improvement Association.
- Pinto Lake: Construction is nearing completion on the new pump bike track. Formal opening set for October 22nd at 1:30pm.
- Willowbrook Park: Rotting and collapsing split rail was removed around the interior of the park.
- Polo Grounds: Soccer, soccer and more soccer; California Conservation Crew completed a large effort to cut back brush along the Parks walking trail that has been encroaching and threatening to swallow the trail
- Aldridge Lane Park: Outdoor fitness equipment added around perimeter walking path. The Venice Beach of Corralitos!!
- Richard Vessey Park: New ADA drinking fountain installed adjacent to playground
- Heart of Soquel: Popular movie nights on the Plaza continue.

- Mesa Village: Restroom scheduled to get a new roof in October.
- Seascape Park: Enhancements to parking area, most notably cutting back vegetation to allow better sight lines into park in hopes to deter undesirable loitering.
- Valencia Hall: Few upgrades to the popular venue – new stove in the facilities kitchen, new landscaping for the buildings entrance

Veterans Memorial Building

- Eradication of pests, in and around Veterans Building
- Modify Window in VSO's customer reception office – to allow the window to open
- Painted the Moto Room
- Assess and make recommendations, as to the correct maintenance needed to keep waterless urinals operational
- Exterior doors getting re-keyed

Simpkins Family Swim Center

- Installed LED lights around deep end of pool, to accommodate late swimmers – including high school Water Polo games
- Both, solar panels and Capstone Generators are now operational
- Cleaned carpets upstairs and downstairs
- Eliminated hazardous turnstiles by deep end; were beyond economical repair
- Repaired pool lift chair, in warm water pool (replaced actuator)
- Replaced leaking 6" three-way valve in water slide pool
- Repaired both, heater and sand filter for water slide pool
- Getting proposals for replacing heaters for 50m pool
- Agave Systems will be installing electrical meters, that will provide energy use data for us to monitor with the new Agave dashboard software – to be installed



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Date: September 26, 2018
To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Sheryl Bailey & Will Fourt, Planning Section
Subject: Planning Section Status Report

North Section: (Highlands, Ben Lomond, Felton Covered Bridge, Probation, Michael Gray Field, Quail Hollow Ranch, the North Coast, AJC, Government Center, Emeline Complex, Twin Lakes, Brommer, Felt, Floral, Jose Avenue, Winkle Farm, Twin Lakes Beachfront)

Quail Hollow/Pace Property Trail Planning

Staff is working with partners to find funding and to consider a phased approach to trail development to the Pace Property.

Quail Hollow Brook Restoration Grant

Planning staff is currently conducting research on the different components involved in developing, manufacturing and installing engaging and durable interpretive signage. The initial purpose of this research is to develop a Request for Proposal to include graphic design, interpretive language, technical material specifications for signage posts and sign manufacturing, and professional qualifications for graphic interpretive artists & photographers. The final goal will be to install three grant funded interpretive signs along the west side of the Discovery Loop Trail adjacent to Quail Hollow Brook.

Felton Library

Stakeholders have participated in three meetings to give input into park design, and staff has been working with consultants and partners on park design.

Scott Creek Beach Park

Planning staff is working with the Scott Creek Technical Advisory Committee on concepts for Scott Creek lagoon restoration and Highway 1 bridge replacement, and how the project will benefit the environment, public coastal access onto the County's Scott Creek Beach Park and public infrastructure improvements.

Chanticleer Park: The Santa Cruz Playground Project has continued their fundraising efforts. Staff received comments from the building department regarding the permit application and is working with design consultants to revise plans for resubmittal. Contracts for the pre-fabricated restroom building and construction manager for the park are going to the Board of Supervisors on October 16. There is a groundbreaking event at the park on October 13. The National Parks and Recreation Association grant for groundwater recharge in the park was not awarded.

Twin Lakes Beachfront- Contractor working on a few items under DPW purview.

South Section: (Coffee Lane, Soquel Lions, Willowbrook Lane, Moran Lake, Richard Vessy, Santa Cruz Gardens, Heart of Soquel Plaza, The Farm, Polo Grounds, Valencia Hall, Hidden Beach, Seascape, Aptos Village, South County Beach access areas, Scott Park, Scott Estate, Aldridge Lane, Mesa Village, Pinto Lake, Seacliff Village Park, Freedom Government Annex)

Heart of Soquel Phase 2 & 3

On August 7, 2018, the Board of Supervisors approved the purchase of the Soquel Elementary School's easement. On September 25th, the Park's Director is recommending adoption of resolution accepting unanticipated revenue in the amount of \$243,608 from the Habitat Conservation Fund (Acquisition Grant) for the Soquel Creek Linear Parkway, and adopt resolutions authorizing grant applications to the Habitat Conservation Fund and California River Parkways for Soquel Creek Linear Parkway. Two grant applications are for the California State Parks' HCF for a combined maximum request of \$445,363, and one from the California Natural Resources Agency's River Parkways grant program for a maximum of \$1,500,000. The HCF grant applications will be for a riparian grant for both phases and a trail grant for Phase 2 of the project. The River Parkway's grant application will be for the entire project.

On September 20th, Parks staff conducted an "intercept" survey at the Heart of Soquel in order to receive more detailed information on the project from the community, increase community awareness of the project and to recruit more volunteers.

In October, two community events will be held at the Heart of Soquel Park Plaza which Parks Staff will contribute and/or collaborate with the Santa Cruz County Resource Conservation District, the Soquel Water District and the Santa Cruz Mid-County Groundwater Agency. On October 20th, Water Harvest – a family friendly day of fun, science, water and geology is scheduled from 12-3pm, and on October 23rd, the site will be a part of a Sustainable Groundwater Tour. As a part of the tour, Sheryl Bailey, Project Manager will provide an educational talk on the water friendly design principles employed at the site.

Hidden Beach

Park Planning and Maintenance met with the representative for Kompan Playground Equipment and they are working to provide the Parks Department with three playground options.

Willowbrook- Park Planning and maintenance staff have developed preliminary plans and specifications to repair the tennis courts and re-stripe them to add additional pickle ball courts.

Pinto Lake

The pump track at Pinto Lake County Park has been constructed. Work included site preparation by A&C Grading including ADA accessible walkways and parking, drainage, and grading; and track installation by Action Sports Construction including application of a crushed granite riding surface with binder for durability. County Parks maintenance staff installed split rail fencing during their work day on September 20. The Mountain Bikers of Santa Cruz led a volunteer dig day on Sept 22 and over 40 volunteers helped install erosion control and drainage measures on the track. The final furnishings, ADA railings, signage, inspections and approvals are pending, and there is a ribbon cutting event scheduled on October 22.



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Date: September 26, 2018
To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Rebecca Hurley, Aquatics Supervisor
Subject: Aquatics Section Status Report

Fall Session August 20- November 25, 2018

Lap Pool hours:

Mondays through Friday from 6:00 am to 8:30 pm.

Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Warm-Water Pool:

The warm-water pool is available for general use on:

Monday/Friday	6:00—9:30am 3:00—5:00pm (Rec Swim) 6:00—8:30pm
Wednesday	6:00—9:30am 3:00—5:00pm (Rec Swim) 6:00—8:30pm
Tuesday/Thursday	6:00am—3:00pm 3:00—5:00pm (Rec Swim) 5:00—8:30pm
Saturdays and Sundays	9:00 am - 10:30 am (adults only) 10:30 am – 12:30 pm (adults & kids 6 years and younger) 12:30 – 4:00 pm (Rec Swim ~ all ages)

Recreation Swim – During the fall season recreation swim includes the warm water pool and shallow area of the 50M pool. Facility hours were extended on Sundays to add a recreation swim time from 12:30-4pm until the end of daylight savings time. The waterslide opens during the fall season for private pool parties and special events.

Special Events at the Pool

Parks and Rex— On August 25th the Parks Department held the fourth annual Parks and Rex Event! Dogs were thrilled to be able to swim in the warm water pool again this year and enjoyed doggie ice cream cones, doggie massage and dog pedicures. Human attendees additionally enjoyed good food, beer and wine, music, paddle boarding and kayaking on the pool, floating hamster wheels, a children’s bounce house, several raffle options for prizes, and a beautiful, fun day at the pool!

On **Labor Day** the Parks Department held another **Annual FREE SWIM** from 12:30-4:00pm co-sponsored by the Simpkins Family. Despite rain showers on Labor Day this year, over 300 people attended this free event. Families enjoyed the pools, slide, and climbing walls.

On September 8th, we co-sponsored the second annual **ROMMP** (Roy Orbison Memorial Water Polo) Tournament. Over 50 players participated! The ROMP tournament was sanctioned by USA Water Polo.

On Sunday, October 14th from 1:00 – 4:00pm we will be holding our second annual **FLOATING PUMPKIN PATCH!** This year we will be supplied with pumpkins from a local farm, Rodoni Farms in Davenport. This annual event puts a fun spin on the time-honored tradition of pumpkin picking by creating a floating patch in the pool! In addition to searching for your perfect pumpkin in the pool we’ve got plenty of other fun activities planned for the day, including food, games, and prizes!

For the months of September and October Simpkins Family Swim Center staff has worked with Harbor High School Athletics to host the home games for **Harbor High’s Varsity Boys & Girls Water Polo** teams as they do not have a regulation pool to host home games in on campus. Swim center staff is also working with Soquel High Athletics to provide pool space for their Boys Water Polo teams to practice in while the construction of Soquel High’s new pool is completed.

Aquatics Programs

Fall and Winter Swim lessons – Are held Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10:30am – 12:30pm and Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings from 4:00 – 7:00 pm.

Private Swim lessons are also available with either our aquatics staff or one of our four private contractors.

Adult Fitness Swimming – Adult Fitness Swimming remains a very popular program at the Simpkins Family Swim Center. 90-minute coached swim workouts are offered Monday through Friday at 6:00am and 12:00pm, and weekends at 9:00am. A variety of coaches offer swimmers multiple workout choices.

Water Aerobics – The water exercise classes this year continue to reach their highest capacity to date. Water exercise is an excellent way for people to meet their fitness goals without impact on the joints. Classes are designed to appeal to all levels of ability, including healthy, cross training fitness enthusiasts, pre-natal, seniors, and those rehabilitating. A monthly calendar is available with dates, times, and instructors' names. Previous swimming or water-exercise experience is not required for participation in any of the water exercise classes.

Child Care – The drop-in child-care program has now been open for over a year. Over the summer this program was being offered five days a week, Tuesday thru Thursday and Saturday and Sundays. This program is open to children 6 months and up and costs \$5 per child for up to two hours. It is currently staffed by both aquatics and recreation staff members.

Current Fall Childcare hours are:

9:00 AM – 1:30 PM Tuesday and Thursday

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Saturday & Sunday (Sundays only through 11/2/18)

Drop-in Water Polo – Sundays from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm. Participants must sign a waiver and be a member of USAWPA to participate in the program.

Lifeguard Training Exercises – The aquatics staff September in-service training focused on emergency oxygen administration, integrating emergency O2 into CPR care, and customer service skills. During the October in-service lifeguard staff will practice making rescues while wearing winter weather gear. The upcoming November in-service will cover weather-related closures and emergencies.

Pool Rentals

Swim Teams – Currently two swim teams: Aptos Cabrillo Swim Club and Quicksilver Swimming rent lanes in the 50-meter pool. The swim teams offer school-age competitive swimming programs Monday through Friday from 3:30 to 6 or 7:30 p.m.

Private Pool Parties – Available on Saturdays and Sunday's spring through fall, a variety of aspects of the facility may be rented after hours for Private Pool Parties, from just the warm water pool to the entire facility. This year, The County's Human Services Department – Foster Families party rented the entire aquatics complex again for the second year in a row for their back to school carnival, with over 200 attendees. Private Pool Parties are scheduled on weekends during the spring, summer and fall, after the facility has closed to the public.

Pool Closures

All pools were closed for scheduled maintenance on August 26th, this was done to thoroughly clean the pool and renew the water following the Parks and Rex event. This year both pools were closed to allow our maintenance staff to also do some work on the 50M lap pool after a very busy summer season.

All pools are scheduled be closed to the public on Sunday Sep. 30th for the **22nd Annual Super Kid Triathlon**.

All pools will have a modified schedule on Sunday, October 14 with open public time being from 9am – 12:30pm for event set-up to occur along with the annual October special event, the **Floating Pumpkin Patch** from 1-4pm.

The pool will also be closed on Thanksgiving – Thursday, November 22nd.



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DATE: September 26, 2018
TO: Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Kathy DeWild, Program Coordinator
RE: Cultural Services Section Status Report

ARTS AND CULTURAL

Art Exhibitions

Gary Irving's photos will be on exhibition at the Simpkins Family Swim Center / Parks office through mid-October. The week of October 22, Suchitra Fields will be installing her exhibition of oil paintings which will be on view at the Simpkins Family Swim Center / Parks office through mid-January, 2019.

The annual County Employee Art Exhibition will be on display at the County Government Center, on the first floor, through October 15.

Twin Lakes Public Art Project

Local artist Kirk McNeill installed his sculpture, *Pelican Dreams*, in a planting area adjacent to the new pathway at Twin Lakes.

Behavioral Health Office Building (BHOB) Public Art Project

The nine proposals submitted by local artists for the BHOB Public Art Project will be reviewed by the selection panel on Monday, Oct. 1. A finalist or two will be invited to interview with the panel the following week, with the panel's recommendation of public artist for the project going before the Arts Commission for their review on Oct. 15. If approved, the artist's contract and proposal will be considered by the Board of Supervisors at their Nov. 20 meeting.

Artist of the Year

The nomination period for Artist of the Year 2019 has closed. Two new artists were added to the group being considered for the award, which the Arts Commission will discuss at their October 15 meeting.



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Date: September 26, 2018
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From: Margaret Ingraham, Volunteer Program Coordinator
Subject: Volunteer Program Status Report August/September

North County

Quail Hollow Ranch

Two SLV Rotary members volunteered their time to renovate a planter area at the Quail Hollow House. They set a drip irrigation system, planted additional ferns, created a large pathway to the picnic area, spread mulch, reset the brick border, and cleaned up the existing plants. It looks beautiful!



At the beginning of the project.



The new pathway to the picnic area.



The finished product! Thank you Janet Coit and Justin Acton.

The San Lorenzo Valley Rotary Club volunteered at the ranch on a Sunday morning and sanded and finished the 10 the picnic tables we use for events. They look fresh and clean.



Applying finishing product



The group! Thank you!



The finished product! All 10 picnic tables refurbished and ready for the next event!

The Granite Rock Fundraiser for Quail Hollow Ranch will be held on October 13th 10 – 1:00 at the Granite Rock Quarry in Felton. Tours and Tacos for a \$10 donation.

Join Us for an Open House and Fundraiser Lunch at Quail Hollow Quarry

October 13, 2018

Graniterock Invites You to an **Open House** and **Fundraising Lunch** to benefit Quail Hollow Ranch County Park at the Quail Hollow Quarry in Felton. Graniterock representatives will be in attendance to answer neighbors' questions about ongoing operations, conservation, and reclamation efforts in the quarry.

Fundraising Taco Lunch: \$10.00

Come for the Open House, stay for the delicious taco lunch.

All proceeds to benefit the Quail Hollow Ranch County Park.

For more information about this Graniterock event, call 831.471.3480
or visit www.graniterock.com.

In August and September, thus far, the Trail Crew Volunteers have logged approximately 30 hours of trail maintenance to keep the trails accessible and in good shape for hikers and equestrians. A small crew had to spend some time cleaning up some vandalism that was done to a few of the Dwarf Redwoods that reside at the top of the Sunset Trail. Someone had chopped a few down and left them blocking the trail.

The Santa Cruz Astronomy Club provided FREE Star Gazing experiences at Quail Hollow Ranch in August and September. The club provides between 3-5 volunteers at each event who bring their telescopes and educate participants. The fall star gazing attracted over 15 participants each month who enjoyed the efforts of the club and the night sky.

The Bird Nest Box Volunteers ended their season and have logged approximate 314 hours this year monitoring the nest boxes. They ended their season with a pot luck and workday to bring the Bird Nest Boxes inside to store for the winter.

Miller Property

The volunteers have logged approximately 34 hours in August repairing trail damage, picking up trash, and removing French Broom.

North Coastline Volunteers

We now have two volunteers picking up trash at our County beach access areas, the parking lots, and along the highway on the North Coast. Thank you Jay Todd and Rose Marie!

Anna Jean Cummings Park

The volunteers at AJ have logged approximately 23 hours in August, picking up trash.

Simpkins Family Swim Center/Family Fun Day

Aquatics Supervisor, Rebecca Hurley recruited 6 water polo players to volunteer for our 5th annual Parks and Rex event at the Swim Center. They helped to monitor parking, assist with the inflatable play structures, and assisted at the information tables.

Junior Volunteers

Junior Lifeguard Volunteers logged 163 hours in August, and over the summer they logged over 1,019 hours! Thank you Rebecca Hurley and Aquatics staff for supervising these volunteers!

Junior Recreation Volunteers logged 118 hours in August and over the summer they logged over 1,772 hours! Some of the junior volunteers will continue to volunteer during the school year. Thank you Oscar Arroyo for supervising all of these Junior Volunteers!

South County

Hidden Beach

14 Girl Scouts and their parents cleaned up trash at Hidden Beach Park. Thank you to Troop 15015 for your community service.



Polo Grounds Park

Polo Bike Pump Track volunteers spent a day patching and repairing jumps.

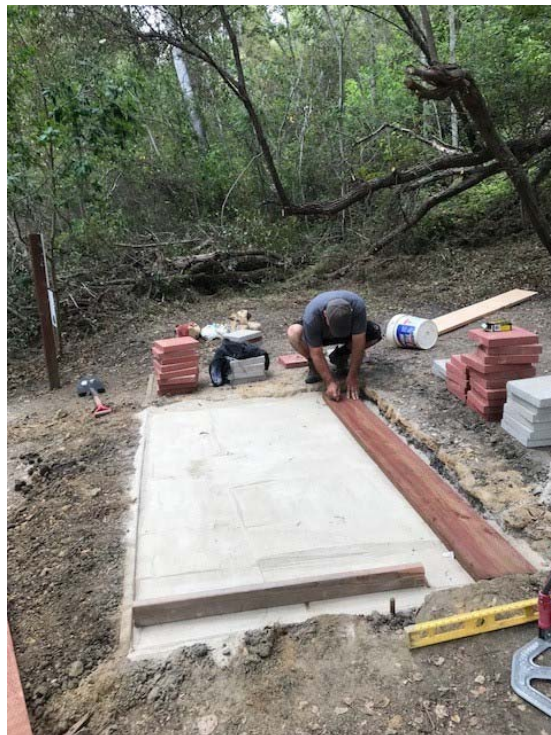


Pinto Lake Park

Pinto Lake volunteers made a new tee for hole 4 on the Disc Golf Course. In August, volunteers logged over 20 hours keeping the course clean and ready for play, controlling weeds, and on graffiti abatement.



Material and prep for the new Tee on Hole 4!



More prepping and getting it level.



The finished product! Thank you Volunteers!

On September 22 Mountain Bikers of Santa Cruz organized a volunteer event for the new Bike Pump Track at Pinto Lake Park. There were over 26 volunteers from the Mountain Bikers of Santa Cruz, and Project Bike Tech. The volunteers helped spread mulch, installed erosion control material, dug troughs, and moved rocks.





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To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Mary Chavez, Program Coordinator
Subject: Facilities Section Status Report

Summary for Reservations in the Parks:

*Please note that the Facilities section status report includes reservation information for the Live Oak Community Rooms, which was previously excluded.

Attendance at Reserved Facilities

201 has proven to be another full year of reservations and events in County Parks. During the months of September and October, staff estimates that over 92,000 park visitors attended events in reserved facilities. There were approximately 970 bookings of the various Park sites, including reservations of picnic areas, meeting rooms, wedding and event locations, special events and athletic field rentals.

Center and Meeting Room Rentals in September and October:

Park Centers host a variety of events, including wedding receptions, family events and various non-profit events. September and October have hosted 45 weddings, receptions and events held at our various Park Centers with rental revenues totaling \$48,000 including pool party bookings at the Bear Creek Recreation & Community Center. These two months also included 90 meeting room rentals totaling \$4,000.

Picnic Areas in September and October:

Picnic area rentals have been filling up the monthly schedules with 60 picnic rentals taking place during these two months and revenues totaling \$9000.00.

Athletic Fields in July and August 2018:

The fall sports season has been in full swing and baseball, soccer and volleyball programs have continued to grow, filling the 18 athletic fields with these sports activities. There have been 625 individual bookings with rental revenues totaling \$38,000 during these two months. Another successful Santa Cruz Classic Tournament took place in September with the Polo Grounds and Anna Jean Cummings Park hosting this annual countywide tournament run through the Santa Cruz County Youth Soccer League, which boasts over 5,600 players between the ages of 6 and 18, who also play their fall seasons in all four parks with soccer fields.

Special Events and ongoing programs

The special event season has included a wide variety of festivals, 5k fun runs, and non-profit community events and fundraisers.

September hosted **SLV Fellowship Picnic** at Felton Covered Bridge Park, **I/You Venture Picnic** (Family Services Association) at Aptos Park, and the 33rd annual **Coastal Clean Up Day** (CA Coastal Commission/ Save Our Shores) in countywide beaches and rivers.

Seascape Park hosted the annual **Walk to End Alzheimer's**. October events hosted the delectable **Grazing on the Green** (Santa Cruz Cancer Benefit Group) . Additional events are noted in the Special Events/Administration section.

Cross country season is taking place at Pinto Lake County Park, with 10 middle school and high school meets in September and October. **Surf season** has also resumed and October hosted 4 surf contests at Pleasure Point and 41st Avenue (the Hook).

Ongoing programs include a variety of fitness and recreational programs. **All About Me Fitness** program takes place twice weekly at the Highlands Park meeting room. **Fit4Mom Santa Cruz** offers Stroller Strides workouts three times a week between Felt Street, Anna Jean Cummings and Seascape Parks. Save Our Shores coordinated weekly clean-ups through the **Adopt-A-Beach** program at Davenport Beach, along with another successful July 5th clean-up at beaches throughout the county. **Together in the Park** program, sponsored by Mountain Community Resources, provide for weekly parent-child play groups at Felton Covered Bridge. **Good Dog Santa Cruz** is providing twice weekly dog training at Willowbrook Park. The **Lucky Steppers Square Dance** group enjoys another fun summer of dancing at the Ben Lomond Dam Park. The Sheriffs Office sponsors a **National Night Out** event at Mesa Village Park in August. **Santa Cruz Pickleball** continues weekly use of Willowbrook Park courts and has biweekly use of the new pickleball courts at Brommer Street Park. **Taco Tuesdays**, coordinated by Food Trucks A-Go-Go, takes place the 4th Tuesday of the month at Anna Jean Cummings Park. The SLV Chamber of Commerce co-hosts **Taco Tuesdays** with Food Trucks A-Go-Go on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Felton Covered Bridge Park.

County Parks Special Events, Administration:

Staff has been busily implementing the transition to ACTIVE Net, our new online reservation and registration software system. The new system went live September 4th and, despite a few bumps along the way, everyone is very happy with the upgrade. Staff is particularly excited about how some features will improve marketing and daily operations.

The Live Oak Family Fun Run on September 22nd was a huge success! This event was a collaboration The Boys & Girls Club of Santa Cruz County and County Parks. There were almost 200 runners registered for the race. The event went really smooth and staff received a lot of positive feedback and excitement from those who attended.

The Pinto Bike Pump Track ribbon cutting is scheduled for Oct 22nd at 1:30pm. The Chanticleer Park groundbreaking will be held on Oct 13th from 10am-2pm. The theme for the groundbreaking is Fall Harvest with activities like pumpkin decorating, oversized games, and food trucks.

Parks will be partnering with the Sheriff's Office on a Trunk or Treat scheduled for Oct 26th from 5-8pm. Families are invited to attend in costume to enjoy carnival games, jump houses, and candy at the Sheriff's Headquarters.