



Agenda Item A.4
CONSENT CALENDAR
Meeting Date: November 12, 2025

TO: Chair and Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: JoAnne Plummer, Neighborhood Services Director

SUBJECT: Director's Report

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive the Director's Report on current events and projects supported by the Neighborhood Services Department.

DISCUSSION:

STOW GROVE PARK

The scope of the project has been expanded slightly to include some of the smaller areas of landscaping adjacent to the improved spaces within phase one. Although the phase one footprint does not include improvement of the groves, there was a need to add the completion of the pathway from the improved parking lot, around one of the groves, connecting the pathway next to the playground. This minor expansion in the scope of work will allow the project improvements to feel complete within the middle extent of the park.

The project team is coordinating with vendors of long lead time items, such as the playground and the restroom structure, to identify purchase timelines that would allow these items to be ordered prior to the construction contract award.

SPLASH PAD AT JONNY D WALLIS NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

On November 3, 2025 the City of Goleta shared a press release with the community regarding the delays associated with the Splash Pad Project. The project team continues to work towards resolution and looks forward to celebrating this exciting recreation feature with the community.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Revisions to the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) are currently in progress and remain a key initiative in the Emergency Services Division's work plan. Completion is currently projected for the spring of 2026, aligning with the Fiscal Year 2025/26 Work Program. The EOP serves as the cornerstone of the City of Goleta's emergency preparedness

strategy. It outlines the City's emergency organization and establishes a comprehensive framework for executing emergency functions before, during, and after an incident.

Importantly, the EOP is not a stand-alone document. Its primary purpose is to standardize emergency operations across the City while aligning with and supporting the emergency plans and procedures of all City departments, including parks and recreation facilities. As the EOP evolves, it supports and informs the development of Continuity of Operations Plans (COOPs) across departments and divisions, reinforcing the City's overall resilience and operational readiness.

SHELTER AGREEMENTS

The City of Goleta has formal shelter agreements in place with both the American Red Cross and the County Social Services Department. In the event of an emergency, the City, working in coordination with the American Red Cross, may be called upon to activate and operate a shelter at the Goleta Community Center (GCC). Strategically located, the GCC holds a unique and important role within the county's overall sheltering plan. Depending on the nature of the emergency, particularly in the case of wildfires affecting the foothill areas, the GCC may serve as an optimal shelter site due to its accessibility from the freeway, geographic positioning and large parking lot.

HOLIDAY PARADE

The Old Town Goleta Holiday Parade will take place on Saturday December 6, at 6 p.m. on Hollister Ave. between Orange Ave. and Kinman Ave. If you would like to join the festivities you can volunteer, march in the parade or showcase a business or organization. Participant sign-ups close on November 21st. There are also sponsorship opportunities for those looking to support a cherished community event.

CITY GRANT PROGRAM

Following the completion of the most recent combined Goleta City Grant and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) grant cycle, which received 99 applications, staff conducted a comprehensive program review to identify improvements to the program's structure, eligibility requirements, process, policies, and timeline with the overall goal of ensuring legal compliance, and improving the efficiency, effectiveness, and impacts of programs and services funded through the grant programs. This recommendation that was supported by the Human Services Standing Committee in October includes separating the City Grant and CDBG application cycles to ensure compliance with federal rules and regulations, adopting a flexible subrecipient selection process, and adjusting public hearing practices to eliminate duplicative public meetings, with the goal of increasing public participation. This item will go to City Council for final approval in December. The Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for City Grants will be released in mid-December and close at the end of January 2026.

UPCOMING PUBLIC EVENTS

The organizations listed below have applied for Special Event Permits with the City of Goleta.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event Name</u>	<u>Sponsoring Organization</u>	<u>Location</u>
11/16	Kendra's Race 2025	UCSB Triathlon Club	Goleta (S. Los Carneros, Hollister Ave, & S. Fairview Ave.)
11/27	Thanksgiving 4 Miler	Santa Barbara Bike Club/Nite Moves	Maria Ygnacio multi-Purpose Path
12/6	Goleta Holiday Parade	Greater Goleta Santa Barbara Lions Club	Old Town Goleta

For more information on the upcoming events, please visit the sponsoring organization's web page.

Respectfully Submitted:



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