



**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:**

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES RECRUITMENT UPDATES

Recruitments to fill vacancies across the entirety of the Neighborhood Services Department have been ongoing since the month of October. The Department is happy to announce that the Goleta Valley Library has completed the recruitment of the Supervising Librarian in the month of December, with recruitments for additional library staff underway across the different library branches. After an extensive recruitment process, the position of the Parks and Recreation Manager has also concluded, with an offer letter signed before the holidays and the new incumbent expected to start in mid-January of 2025.

Additionally, final interviews for the position of the Emergency Services Coordinator have taken place in the month of December, and this new employee will begin on Monday, January 13, 2025. On December 3, 2024 the City Council approved staff updates proposed by the Department in the Fiscal year 2024/25 First Quarter Financial Review. The updates proposed are meant to address the needs of the Parks and Recreation Division and serve to address retention of the former Department Aide position in Emergency Services.

LIBRARY RELOCATION

On Tuesday, November 19, 2024, City of Goleta Staff returned once again to the City Council to resume the discussion on a Temporary off-site Library location. After thoroughly researching all available options, City staff identified a new option that would allow for the short-term lease of a neighboring facility to Goleta City Hall. This location served as the most viable option allowing for a steady transition of services and ensuring

access to Goleta residents. During this process, City staff addressed questions and concerns from the City Council and pursued all avenues presented by the residents of Goleta. Council has directed staff to pursue a lease agreement with the property located at 6500 Hollister Avenue in Goleta.

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>
01/11	Coffee and Community	City of Goleta	Armitos Park
01/25	Winter Bird Count for Kids (WBC4K)	Santa Barbara Audubon Society	Rancho La Patera & Stow House and Lake Los Carneros

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

GOLETA CITY GRANT PROGRAM AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS (CDBG)

The City of Goleta is accepting applications for the grant funding period of Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 through its Goleta City Grant Program and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The application period began on Thursday, December 12, 2024 and will close on Friday, January 31, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. The City will also hold a Mandatory Pre-Application Workshop on Tuesday, January 7, 2024 for all interested non-profit applicants. The workshop will consist of an in-person meeting at the Goleta Community Center at 10:00 a.m. or a virtual meeting via Zoom at 5:30 p.m., attendance to only one meeting is required. For additional information, please visit <https://www.cityofgoleta.org/your-city/neighborhood-services/grants>.


As in year’s past, the Parks and Recreation Commission will be requested to review applications that fall within categories of the Commission’s expertise. These reviews will likely take place at the regularly scheduled meeting in March of 2025.

POINT-IN-TIME COUNT

Community members are invited to volunteer for the annual Point-in-Time Count taking place on Wednesday, January 22, 2025 from 5:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. The countywide count is organized by The Santa Maria/Santa Barbara County of Continuum of Care (CoC), in partnership with the County of Santa Barbara and The Santa Barbara Alliance for Community Transformation (SBACT) and it aims to obtain a snapshot of individuals and

families experiencing homelessness on a given day. For more information, visit <https://countyofsb.pointintime.info/> or email Chuck Flacks, the City of Goleta's Homelessness Services Coordinator at [cflacks@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:cflacks@cityofgoleta.org).

**Respectfully Submitted:**



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