



Agenda Item A.4
CONSENT CALENDAR
Meeting Date: May 14, 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:

LIBRARY SERVICES

Goleta Valley Library's main branch, located at 500 N. Fairview Avenue, will be closed for 18-24 months while much-needed facility infrastructure improvements are completed. During this time, library service will be provided from a temporary site located at 6500 Hollister Avenue, Suite 105 (GVL Express). The Library shut its doors on April 1st and staff have been packing materials that are being transferred to the new location. The team has been working hard preparing a special place to welcome the community in early June.

Although many of the same services will be offered at the temporary location, it does not include a dedicated programming space. This has created a valuable opportunity for Goleta Valley Library to collaborate with the Parks and Recreation Division to host programs for all ages at various offsite locations throughout the community. Library staff have pivoted to an outreach model of service at the Goleta Community Center as well as parks and open spaces at Stow Grove Park, Evergreen Park, and Santa Barbara Shores Park. Attendance has started off at moderate levels and is anticipated to continue to grow as the community adjusts to the new service points. Feedback from patrons has been extremely positive, with many program attendees expressing gratitude that these valuable services are continuing. The Bookvan also visits select programs to enhance access to the library's collection and offers hold pick-ups. Additionally, a book drop has been installed at the entrance of the Goleta Community Center, providing a convenient option for returning library materials during events.

The Summer Reading Program will kick off on June 14th with an event at the Stow House. The Parks and Recreation Division, along with other community partners, will be at the event to share information and resources and celebrate with our residents.



Friday, April 25th Baby & Me Storytime and Wiggly Storytime at Santa Barbara Shores Park.



Goleta Valley Library being packed up and ready for the move to the temporary location.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

The City of Goleta maintained its parking restriction program in the neighborhood adjacent to Isla Vista during the unsanctioned annual Deltopia event, which took place from April 4th to 6th. Throughout this period, the City reported no major incidents. The Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Committee will review the program's impact at its upcoming summer meeting as part of its preparations for Halloween 2025.

In April, the long-awaited Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program returned to Goleta. The program has been on hiatus since COVID-19 and has had a strong return with the initial class reaching capacity. Additional class opportunities are currently being developed in both English and Spanish for the Summer and Fall of this year. The Division is working to restore the Goleta CERT Program, a network of volunteers dedicated to education and response for community members related to emergency services.

Lastly, this Division has been hard at work building the GENASYS evacuation zones with a project team comprised of County Staff, City Staff and Law Enforcement. As this program rolls out in June of this year, the County's Office of Emergency Management will provide a presentation to the Goleta City Council in June. This marks the start of community

engagement efforts to raise awareness about the resources available to residents during times of disaster.


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>
05/17	Ellwood's 20 th Anniversary	Ellwood Friends/City of Goleta	Ellwood Elementary & Ellwood Mesa
06/01	Sunday at the Ranch	Goleta Valley Historical Society	Rancho La Patera & Stow House
06/05	Meet Me in Old Town	Santa Barbara South Coast Chamber of Commerce	Goleta Community Center
06/08	Green & Blue: A Coastal Celebration	Environmental Defense Center	Rancho La Patera & Stow House
06/06	AIDS/LifeCycle	AIDS/LifeCycle	Goleta (Cathedral Oaks)
07/04	4 th of July Drone Show	City of Goleta	Dos Pueblos High School

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

Respectfully Submitted:



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