



**Agenda Item A.4
CONSENT CALENDAR
Meeting Date: November 13, 2024**

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

The Neighborhood Services Department has five full-time positions vacant, three in the library division, the Parks and Recreation Manager, and the Emergency Services Coordinator. Recruitments for all positions are underway in an effort to fill the positions before the end of the calendar year.

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>
11/17	Depot Days	South Coast Railroad Museum	South Coast Railroad Museum
11/28	Thanksgiving Day 4 Miler	Nite Moves/SB Bike Club	Thunderbird Park (County Park)
12/7	Old Town Holiday Parade	Goleta Lions Club	Old Town Goleta
12/7	Holiday at the Ranch	Goleta Valley Historical Society	Rancho La Patera & Stow House

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


LAKE LOS CARNEROS EMERGENCY PLAN CITY EXERCISE

On October 23, 2024, select City of Goleta staff participated in an annual Goleta emergency response exercise. This year's exercise focused on the Lake Los Carneros Dam Emergency Action Plan Draft and served as an opportunity to simulate, evaluate and refresh procedures should the need for emergency response arise. City staff will be reviewing all notes and feedback received during and after the exercise to improve the Lake Los Carneros Dam Emergency Action Plan Draft, finalizing it for submission to the State of California.

LIBRARY CLOSURE/RELOCATION

A year ago, the City of Goleta received a \$4.2 million Building Forward facility improvement grant from the California State Library to improve the safety and accessibility of the Goleta Valley Library. Since then, the project team of City staff, architects, and engineers have been hard at work developing plans to bring the project to life. This fall it was determined that the library must close temporarily to the public and to staff for 18 to 24 months while the work is completed. This closure is necessary to ensure safety and to complete the project by the grant deadline of June 2027. However, because the library is a cornerstone of the Goleta community and welcomes an average of over 14,000 visitors each month, efforts have also been underway to identify a temporary offsite location. This will ensure high-quality, vital library services can continue to be provided during the closure of the main branch where construction is expected to begin midyear. After an initial discussion at the October 1st City Council meeting, the project team is planning to present further research into options for offsite library locations at the November 19th Council meeting. Options include lease space, rooms at the Goleta Community Center, and modular portable classrooms.

Respectfully Submitted:



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