



TO: Chair and Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: JoAnne Plummer, Neighborhood Services Director

CONTACT: Justin Wilkins, Parks and Recreation Manager

SUBJECT: Parks and Recreation Manager Report

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive the Parks and Recreation Manager Report on progress for current Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Projects and associated programs.

DISCUSSION:

The Parks and Recreations division is responsible for a variety of park-related Capital Improvement Projects and specialty programs related to parks and recreation.

PROJECT UPDATES:

CIP – 9126 – GOLETA COMMUNITY CENTER PICKLEBALL ENTRY PROJECT

The design contract for the Pickleball Entry Project was extended on January 3, 2025, to accommodate project delays. The project team have worked through several revisions to incorporate feedback from engineers and stakeholders with the Goleta Valley Community Center organization. Staff are expecting to receive 100% complete design documents by mid-May and will begin preparing for the permitting and bid processes.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS – GOLETA COMMUNITY CENTER

In conjunction with General Services, staff continue to support multiple capital improvement projects at various stages to support the Community Center strategic plan. The grant-funded ADA compliant refillable water bottle station and drinking fountain is scheduled to be installed by mid-May. In terms of larger projects, after a competitive bidding process, a notice to award has been issued for the design and specification aspect of the skylight retrofit and replacement project in the dining hall. The design

phase should be completed by the end of summer 2025. The electrical replacement project will kick off in the first part of May, and the design will be expected to be completed by Fall 2025. Lastly, the ADA improvement project is in the later stage of design and is expected to go out to bid by the end of 2025, with construction starting in the first half of 2026.

PROGRAM UPDATES:

PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

July is nationally recognized as “Parks and Recreation Month”. This year’s theme, “Build Together, Play Together”, is a reminder of the contributions of more than 160,000 full-time park and recreation professionals – along with hundreds of thousands of part-time and seasonal workers and volunteers- who maintain our country’s close-to-home parks.

In celebration of this month, staff are preparing a calendar of free and low-cost events that members of the community can participate in each day, ranging from community or agency hosted events to self-guided activities utilizing Goleta’s parks and open spaces. Staff encourage the Commission and members of the public to submit ideas or suggestions to the Parks and Recreation Manager by June 4th, 2025.

Additionally, on June 17th, 2025, the Goleta City Council will present a proclamation declaring July as “Parks and Recreation Month” in the City of Goleta. Staff will be on hand to accept the proclamation and welcome any Commissioners who would like to attend the City Council meeting. If you are planning to attend, please contact Melissa Cure via email in advance of the meeting to ensure no Brown Act violations.

CONTRACT CLASS & CAMP PROGRAM

The proposed contract class and camp program that was brought before and supported by the Parks and Recreation Commission on March 12, 2025, was subsequently brought before and approved by the Goleta City Council on April 15, 2025. This approval now allows staff to move forward with the program in earnest. Work has begun on developing the website featuring both information for contractors as well as parents and participants. Marketing and press releases are in development and will begin to roll out in the first two weeks of May.


SENIOR CENTER LOUNGE AND SENIOR EXPO

The Senior Center Lounge successfully opened on April 1st, 2025, as scheduled. Staff have noted a considerable increase in day-to-day foot traffic, as well as an increase in facility usage and program participation. Currently the Senior Program has 151 members.

Nationally, the month of May is recognized as “Older Americans Month”. The theme for 2025 is “Flip the Script on Aging”, encouraging a shift on how society perceives and talks about aging, challenging stereotypes, and highlighting the positive aspects of older adults’ lives and contributions. To celebrate this, on May 6th, 2025, the Goleta City Council presented a proclamation declaring May to be “Older Americans Month” in the City of Goleta.

In conjunction with Older Americans Month, the Parks and Recreation Division will be hosting the 3rd Annual Senior Expo planned for May 21st, 2025. To date, 38 vendors have committed to tabling, representing professional services ranging from health, homecare, basic needs, housing, and supportive services. The event, located within the auditorium and classrooms of the Community Center, is expected to draw between 175-200 community members.

Approved By:


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