



**TO:** Chair and Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission

**FROM:** JoAnne Plummer, Neighborhood Services Director

**SUBJECT:** Parks and Recreation Division Project and Program Updates

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

**DISCUSSION:**

The Department of Neighborhood Services is responsible for a variety of park-related Capital Improvement Projects and specialty programs related to parks and recreation.

**PROJECT UPDATES:**

**CIP 9074 – STOW GROVE PARK MASTER PLAN**

In October, the Goleta City Council considered relocating the restroom, which was initially designed to be placed near the universal playground. The Council requested further outreach to the public and raised additional questions related to the Stow family and the deed restriction associated with the property.

In response, the Parks and Recreation Division will hold a public workshop on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, to discuss the relocation of the restroom and finalize the options for the universal playground. To finalize the restroom placement, the Council would discuss this item at a future Council meeting. The Holidays will impact the timeframe in which this item can return to the Council, which will have an impact on the construction timeline. The project team continues to advance the project, with surveys and geotechnical borings taking place on the site.

CIP 9111 – SPLASH PAD AND IMPROVEMENTS AT JONNY D. WALLIS NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

This project was nearly complete at the beginning of September, but there was an issue with the operation of two of the features. The water levels were not rising to the intended heights and the identification of the problem was challenging. The problem was diagnosed to be a failing pump, which was immediately ordered. Unfortunately, the plant is located in Florida and was impacted by the recent hurricanes causing further delays. As of the publication of this report, the pump is in route, with a technician on standby.


This week, the project team reduced the amount of construction fencing around the project to open more of the park amenities to the public. Once the project is complete, and accepted by the City, the maintenance of the facility will be managed by the Public Works Department.

SENIOR PROGRAM AT THE GOLETA COMMUNITY CENTER:

In October 2024, recruitment for the Recreation Technician position concluded, with Dori Crolius accepting and beginning her duties at the Goleta Community Center. The Recreation Technician will be responsible for the coordination of the day-to-day activities of the Senior Program and will assist in developing and expanding the existing program. The Senior Program currently operates Monday – Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. offering classes, activities, and events for its members.

In November 2024, City Staff made significant efforts to establish an online presence for the Senior Program on the City of Goleta website. The webpages dedicated to the Senior Program showcase the offerings of the program and serve as a resource for membership and additional information. The Senior Program webpages can be located by visiting, <https://www.cityofgoleta.org/your-city/neighborhood-services/senior-program>. City staff have been working to incorporate events for the holidays, workshops, and classes and expand outreach for the program.

**Approved By:**



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