



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Parks Department



DATE: May 27, 2015

COMMISSION MEETING DATE: June 4, 2015

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Scott Lombardi, Park Superintendent
SUBJECT: Superintendent's Report

RECOMMENDATION:

Review and accept report.

BACKGROUND:

This report covers Park activities since the Commission's April 9, 2015 meeting.

DISCUSSION:

PARKS DISTRICT I – NORTH COUNTY

Coyote Point Recreation Area

The Earth Day activity on April 18 was very successful. Over 150 volunteers removed 2.5 cubic yards of trash from the shoreline.

During the period of April 19 to April 25, 272 volunteers with six different groups contributed 914 hours of work to the Recreation Area.

Paving of the windsurfing lot has been completed. This lot is about 62,000 square feet and has 172 parking stalls.

Junipero Serra Park

Staff provided support for a College of San Mateo biology class service day at the Parks. The volunteer group completed a staircase project connecting the popular Meadowview Playground to the nearest restroom facility. The Parks and Recreation Foundation funded the project.

Crystal Springs Trail

Park and SFPUC staff have identified 15 dead pine trees that will be removed the week of May 26.

San Bruno Mountain

New lighting for the Edward Bacciocco Jr. Day Camp has been completed. The project was made possible by Measure A funds.

Staff has identified and removed multiple hazardous tree limbs near the Wilderness School's ropes course.

PARKS DISTRICT II – SOUTH COUNTY

Edgewood Park and Natural Preserve

On April 1, Park staff and Friends of Edgewood docents transported senior citizens to the wildflower viewing areas in Parks Department vans. The vans stopped at different locations starting from the Education Center to the Serpentine Loop and Old Stage Road areas where docents described park features and wildflower types for the visitors.

A Sequoia High School special needs class volunteered on May 13. The students painted the picnic tables in the day use area and raked the surrounding trails and service road.

New informational signs and fence rails have been installed along the Serpentine Loop.

Flood Park

On April 25, we hosted nearly 300 volunteers who participated in Comcast Cares Day at the Park. Volunteers weeded and planted drought tolerant vegetation at the front entrance, painted the backstop, bleachers, the dumpsters and enclosures, and the main restroom, and spread over 90 cubic yards of fibar wood chips onto the playground.

The first movie night at Flood Park took place on May 8. Over a hundred people enjoyed the movie "Finding Nemo" that was shown on a large screen loaned by the County's Sheriff's Activity League. A local food truck vendor sold refreshments including popcorn and sandwiches.

Volunteers have landscaped the SFPUC parcel in front of the Park with a rocked pathway, drought tolerant plants and mulch.

Huddart Park

Numerous dead Tan oak trees have been removed from the Toyon Camp areas.

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On May 16, Girl Scouts camping at the Park weeded and cleaned the amphitheater and surrounding picnic areas.

On May 20, St. Francis School volunteers cleared drainages along the campground service road, picked up tree debris throughout the park and spread wood chips in the camping areas located in Toyon Campground.

The Toyon restroom project that will provide ADA accessibility to the restroom and shower facilities has started..

Wunderlich Park

On May 17, the Friends of Wunderlich and Huddart organized an art exhibit which brought in over 130 people to the park to enjoy many works of art.

Friendship Park

The Park's one-year anniversary was celebrated on May 2 with food, entertainment and other fun activities for the community. Supervisor Warren Slocum kicked off the event which was supported by the Parks Department, Sheriff Activities League, and the local Rotary Club.

PARKS DISTRICT III - SOUTH COAST

Memorial Park Complex

Park staff removed hazardous trees from the Wurr and Sequoia campgrounds.

Staff worked with volunteers on three workdays on the Brook Trail in Pescadero Creek Park. Work included rerouting the Brook Trail and building a retaining wall.

On April 4, 31 people attended Take A Hike at Sam McDonald Park. .

On April 18, staff supported various equestrian groups volunteering at the Jack Brook Horse Camp. Approximately 35 volunteers participated. The work accomplished included string cutting around the horse corrals, spreading rock and tamping in the horse corrals, and .splitting and stacking firewood for the season. Additionally a plumber put in the forms for three low flow toilets. Staff installed the three toilets later in the week. Staff also installed a section of fence at the horse camp that had fallen down due to age.

Sequoia Campground opened on May 15 and was sold out for the Memorial Day weekend.

Mounted Search and Rescue volunteers camped and held training exercises at the Jack Brook Horse Camp, May 15 to 18.

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PARKS DISTRICT IV - MIDCOAST

Fitzgerald Marine Reserve/Quarry Park/Pillar Point Bluff/Mirada East & West

At the Reserve, another successful harbor seal pupping season took place. The school tour season ends soon.

The Moss Beach Playground renovation project is nearing completion.

A multi-agency fire preparedness drill was hosted at Quarry Park..

San Pedro Valley/Sanchez Adobe/Devil's Slide

Approximately 200 people participated in the May Take A Hike event at San Pedro Valley Park.

The Plaskon Nature Trail fence project is complete

An AIDS Life Cycle bike event took place on Devils Slide Trail in May.

PARKS DISTRICT V - MAINTENANCE

Staff installed a new retaining wall, new wood fencing, drain rock, ADA drinking fountain and play equipment at the Moss Beach playground. Staff is also fabricating an information kiosk for the site.

Staff conducted backflow testing at Friendship, Wunderlich, Mirada, Clipper Ridge, Huddart, and Memorial Parks, and at the Marina.

At the Sign Shop, staff completed signs for County Department of Public Works' facilities, CuriOdyssey, State Parks, Parks District information kiosks, commission awards and other various parks district requests.

Staff installed Installation of electrical wiring and lighting at the San Bruno Mountain Day Camp area.

Staff serviced and repaired equipment including chippers, RTVs, tractors, amd chainsaws.

Staff installed a utility pole at Edgewood Nature Park and Preserve for the ranger residence and park office wiring.

Staff installed a new hot water heater in the Snack Bar facility at Coyote Point.

Staff prepared the Annual Hazardous Materials Business Plan update.