

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Parks Department



DATE: May 26, 2016

COMMISSION MEETING DATE: June 2, 2016

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Read report.

BACKGROUND:

This report covers Park activities since the Commission's April 7, 2016 meeting.

DISCUSSION:

PARK DISTRICT I

Coyote Point Recreation Area

A new combination drinking fountain with a pet watering dish, ADA accessibility and water bottle filler was installed for Bay Trail users at the intersection of Coyote Point Drive and 3rd Avenue levee pathway. The Eucalyptus and Harbor View picnic area barbecue grills were replaced.

Special events hosted at Coyote Point included "Streets Alive, Parks Alive" and "The Soul Stroll." Mother's Day was a busy day at the park.

Volunteer events hosted included the Kiwanis Club broom removal project, Eagle Scout landscape project at the Knoll and Captain's House, YMCA beach clean up and the Hillsborough Garden Club lira removal project.

On May 10, a memorial gathering 'Celebration of Life' for fellow Park Ranger Richard Murphy was held midday at the Eucalyptus picnic area.

Crystal Springs Trail

Donation boxes were installed at the north and south gates on Sawyer Camp Trail.

PARK DISTRICT II

Edgewood Park and Natural Preserve

Park staff and the Friends of Edgewood coordinated to give dozens of individuals with limited mobility the opportunity to view the beautiful wildflowers as they bloomed this spring. Additionally, we placed a temporary restroom where there has been none at the top of the park for visitors hiking to view the wildflowers.

Staff string cut five acres of prime Bay checkerspot butterfly habitat, which promotes the growth and dispersal of seeds from the native vegetation while hampering the competitiveness of the invasive species.

PG&E and the department completed the regrading and rocking of the Sunset Trail/Old Stage Service Road correcting the drainage issues and damage caused by PG&E's heavy equipment.

Flood Park

The Sequoia Audubon Society made a display garden of native grasses and flowers with identifying placards in front of the adobe building using a flowerbed that Eagle Scouts built last fall.

An Eagle Scout completed his project in the Bay reservation picnic area. He replaced the wood on the tables and the barbecue pits, and landscaped the area.

On May 21, Movie Night at Flood Park brought in dozens of neighbors to enjoy an outdoor movie after the park had closed.

Huddart Park

A footbridge was constructed over a drainage ditch at Lower Oak to enable patrons to cross over safely.

On May 25, student volunteers from Sacred Heart School spread chips around picnic tables in the Zwierlein Reservation Area and upper and lower Werder picnic areas. The students also picked up 10 cubic yards of downed limbs and spread rock underneath the barbecues around the Werder loop.

SCA wrapped up their month long program. The group pulled French Broom, stained tables in the Sequoia Youth Area and spread chips throughout the park.

Wunderlich Park

Parks collaborated with Woodside Fire, Cal Fire and Caltrans to remove over a dozen large hazardous eucalyptus trees along Highway 84. Contractors supplied by the Fire Safe Committee used tractors to remove years of built up duff from the trees. PG&E will remove the next batch of trees south of the arena by summer.

Park staff has completed fuel reduction in the main body of Wunderlich Park. CDC crews and staff continued fuel reduction along the Alambique Trail moving down towards the Loop Trail.

The new ADA accommodating CXT precast concrete vault restroom has been installed. The next phase will be the pouring of concrete skirts around the building and a new ADA pathway to an ADA accessible picnic site.

The Friends of Huddart and Wunderlich held a successful fund raising event on May 15. Architectural design of the Carriage House has been unanimously approved by the Historical Society of San Mateo. The proposed project will bring the historical structure up to current ADA and Fire code standards.

Friendship Park

Park staff continues to help weed, clean the park and haul the green waste composting from the volunteers.

PARK DISTRICT III-SOUTH COAST

Memorial Park – Sam McDonald Park – Pescadero Park

Infrastructure work including pipe bursting and the lining of approximately 200-feet of sewer line in Sequoia campground was done by a contractor and all sewer lines were jet-rodged, which is done annually, in preparation for the summer season. Updates to the Sequoia B shower building were made including new energy efficient water heater, plumbing, gas lines and a waterless urinal. Sequoia campground opened for the season on Friday, May 13, 2016. Volunteers held their annual workday at the Horse Camp at Sam McDonald Park. Staff trained on the new reservation system.

PARK DISTRICT IV

San Pedro Valley/Devils Slide/Sanchez Adobe

The San Pedro Valley Visitor Center is being updated with a new energy efficient LED lighting design and new flooring. Also new displays and a multimedia system are in the works. New memorial tables and benches are ready for dedication in the back patio area.

Four Peregrine chicks successfully hatched at Devil's Slide Trail. Staff provided a tour of Devil's Slide Trail for East Bay Regional Parks. They were very impressed with the trail and other park facilities.

Fitzgerald/Mirada/Quarry/Moss Beach Playground

A sailboat beached on Seal Cove on April 28. It was not possible to tow the sailboat out; ultimately, many volunteers helped to break it down into manageable pieces to load into a dump truck. Neighbors along Terrance Drive allowed use of their property as a staging area for debris removal.

Two additional fuel breaks were created in Quarry Park.

PARK DISTRICT V

Maintenance

Staff repaired two water line breaks at Huddart along Toyon Road; ran new electrical lines to a restroom building at Junipero Serra Park; excavated, repaired and backfilled a two-inch water line break at Junipero Serra Park; finished exterior work at the ranger residence in San Pedro Valley; installed new electrical lines for A/V equipment at Memorial Park; constructed new exhibit displays, worked on a new lighting plan and installation, and built a new wall to add additional storage at the San Pedro Valley Park Visitor Center; and conducted annual mowing in the Park Districts.

PARK DISTRICT VII

Junipero Serra Park and San Bruno Mountain

SCA crews worked for a month in the parks doing various projects including spreading base rock under barbecue pits and wood chips in the various picnic areas, installing table boards and new concrete barbecue pads, and weeding entrance walkways.

A playground contractor repaired and sealed the rubber matting at the Upper Meadow View Playground in May. A tree contractor removed various hazardous trees from the DeAnza Picnic Area and around the corporation yard.

Director Finley will report on the site visit by County Manager John Maltbie and Assistant County Manager Mike Callagy to District VII.