



County of Santa Cruz

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, OPEN SPACE & CULTURAL SERVICES

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DIRECTOR

ARTS COMMISSION – AGENDA

Monday, August 12, 2019
4:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Simpkins Family Swim Center
979 17th Avenue
Santa Cruz, CA 95062

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS OR APPROVAL

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes from June 10, 2019 Page 2
- B. Information and Reports (Accept and File)
 - 1. Aquatics Section – Status Report..... Pages 3-5
 - 2. Maintenance Section – Status Report..... Pages 6-7
 - 3. Planning Section – Status Report Page 8
 - 4. Recreation Section – Status Report Pages 9-11
 - 5. Reservations Section – Status Report..... Pages 12-13
 - 5. Volunteer Section – Status Report Pages 14-16

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: Opportunity for persons to address the Commission on matters which are within the scope of responsibility of the Commission but not on today's agenda. Presentations must not exceed three (3) minutes in length, and individuals may speak only once during Oral Communications.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

VI. STAFF REPORT

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Action Items

- 1. Select Artist of the Year 2020

B. Discussion Items

- 1. Retreat Agenda Items – November 16, 9AM-12PM
- 2. Eloise Pickard Smith Award

**VIII. AGENDA /MEETING FOR: September 9, 4:30 p.m.
Simpkins Family Swim Center, 2nd Floor**

IX. ADJOURNMENT



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DRAFT ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES June 10, 2019, 4:30 PM

979 17th Avenue, Parks Conference Room - Santa Cruz, California

- I. Called to order at 4:39 p.m. Present: Alberti, Kilian, L Phillips, Stabile, J Phillips (5PM arrival), Kaplan, Niven
Excused Absence: Gardner, Oslapas Unexcused Absence: DeWorken
Staff: Kathy DeWild, Jeff Gaffney
- II. Approved Agenda
Motion/Second: Stabile/L. Phillips
AYES: 6
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 4
- III. Approved Consent Agenda
Motion/Second: Stabile/Niven
AYES: 6
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 4
- IV. Approved Selection Panels' recommendation of public artist for La Selva Beach Library.
Motion/Second: Stabile/J. Phillips
AYES: 7
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0
- V. Approved – Appoint commissioners to serve on the Heart of Soquel Phases 2&3 public art panel
J. Phillips, Kaplan
Motion/Second: L. Phillips/Niven
AYES: 7
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0
- VI. Approved – Appoint commissioners to serve on the Seacliff Village phase 2 public art panel
Kilian, Stabile
Motion/Second: Alberti/Niven
AYES: 7
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0
- V. Next meeting date: TBD, 4:30 p.m., Simpkins Swim Ctr./Parks Office, upstairs conference room
- VI. The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.



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Date: July – August 2019
To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Max Friedmann, Aquatics Supervisor
Subject: Aquatics Section Report

Our summer schedule runs June 8th through August 18th and is as follows:

Lap Pool Hours:

Monday thru Friday: 6:00 am to 7:30 pm

Saturdays: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Sundays: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Warm Water Pool Hours:

Monday thru Friday: 6:00 am – 9:00 am
1:00 pm – 3:30 pm (Recreation swim with slide)

Saturday: 9:00 – 10:30 am (Adults only)
10:30 am – 12:30 pm (Adults and children 6 years and under)
1:00 – 4:00 pm (Recreation swim with slide and WIBIT)

Sunday: 9:00 am – 12:30 pm – (All ages)
10:30 am – 12:30 pm (Adults and children 6 years and under)
1:00 – 4:00 pm (Recreation swim with slide and WIBIT)

Events

As part of the July is Parks and Recreation Month we added new and continued to offer the following free events.

On Tuesday July 2nd, 9th, 23rd and 30th we had free Adult Fitness classes 6-7:30pm.

On July 4th we held our annual FREE SWIM which is co-sponsored by the Simpkins Family! Over 500 people enjoyed the pools, slide, and climbing walls!

On July 21st we had our Free Community Swim Day. All programs and entries to the pool were free on that day. We had over 300 people attend.

On August 24th from 12-4pm we will host the 5th annual *Parks and Rex* event at the Simpkins Family Swim Center. Join the Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter and the Santa Cruz County Parks Department for this fun and festive special day. This special event is a fundraiser for County youth recreation programs and animal shelter.

Swim lessons

Summer swimming lessons began on June 8th. Group and private lessons are available Monday thru Friday evening, Monday/Wednesday/Friday evening, Tuesday thru Friday morning and Tuesday/Thursday morning. Lessons are also offered on Saturdays! Lessons have been very popular this summer with almost every class at capacity for the first four summer sessions. Summer lessons continue until 8/16 and then will transition to the fall schedule.

Water Polo

Sundays from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm. Participants must be a member of USAWPA to participate

Pool Junior Lifeguard and Little Guard Program

The Spring Break Pool Junior Lifeguard Program will be running April 1 - 5 at Simpkins Family Swim Center, Mon – Fri from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm with the option for participants to stay for Recreation swim from 2:00 – 5:00 pm free of charge. The spring program follows similar schedules and activities as our very popular Summer Pool Junior Lifeguard Program and has a special activity day on the last day.

Private Pool Parties

Private Pool Parties are available on Saturdays & Sundays. A variety of aspects of the facility may be rented for Private Pool Parties, from just the warm pool to aspects accommodating up to 110 people. Private Pool Parties are scheduled on weekends, spring, summer and fall, after the facility has closed to the public.

Adult Fitness Swimming

Adult Fitness Swimming is very popular at the Simpkins Family Swim Center. The best-attended workouts are Tuesday and Saturday mornings; up to 35 swimmers fill the 50-meter pool at these times. Fitness swimmers may choose from several different workout times: Mondays 6:00 am; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday workouts are at 6:00 am and 12:00 pm; Saturday and Sunday at 9:00 am. Starting in March we also have begun to offer a Saturday afternoon class every other Saturday which has so far been well attended.

For the past two months we have been offering an Introduction to Lap Swimming Class and an Introduction to Adult Fitness class on Wednesday and Thursday mornings which have continually gained attendance numbers. Beginning in April we will be offering an Introduction to Lap Swimming Class on Saturdays so swimmers that work during the week can take advantage of this great class.

Water Aerobics & Exercise

The water exercise classes this year continue to reach their highest capacity to date. Water exercise is an excellent way for people to meet their fitness goals without impact on the joints. Classes are designed to appeal to all levels of ability including healthy, pre-natal, seniors, and rehabilitating or cross training fitness enthusiasts. A monthly calendar is available with dates, times and instructors' names. Previous swimming or water-exercise experience is not required for participation in any of the water exercise classes.

Lifeguard Training Exercises

During the summer months lifeguards are required to attend weekly trainings to practice skills and participate in educational sessions. So far this summer staff has covered such topics as:

Victim Recognition

Full facility EAP (Emergency Action Plan) scenario practices
CPR and First Aid skills
Swim Lesson Instructor refreshers
Spinal injury management skill practice

On August 11th we will have our annual Lifeguard Olympics training which features a variety of team and individual events that involve lifeguarding and aquatic related skills.

Swim Teams

The Aptos Cabrillo Swim Club and Quicksilver Swimming swim teams continue to rent lanes in the 50-meter pool. The swim teams offer school-age competitive swimming programs Monday through Friday from 4:00-7:30pm. Soquel High School will also be using our facility for their practices Monday through Friday 7:30-8:30pm while their new pool finishes up being constructed.

Pool Closures and Holiday Schedule

We have 2 scheduled maintenance closures, one on July 28th and another on August 25th.

Live Oak Community Rooms

The Live Oak Community Rooms at the swim center are now rented out regularly throughout the year for meetings, small events and classes.



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Date: July – Aug 2019
To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Eric Sturm & Rebecca Hurley, Parks Superintendents
Subject: Maintenance Section Report

North

- Replacement of the Davenport Landing restroom construction will begin in August and is anticipated to run for 14 weeks
- New bollards were placed at the entry to the Scott Creek Bluffs on the North Coast to deter members of the public from driving out on them and/or camping on the bluffs.
- A new Maintenance shed door was built and replaced the Emeline Complex shop after someone broke the door during a burglary – no items were stolen.
- Staff helped to prepare the sites and add picnic benches to both the Government Center and Emeline Complex to prepare for the new Food Truck lunch program that Parks, and General Services are working on together
- Simpkins Maintenance staff and Aquatics staff are coordinating on a date to close the Swim Center in order to have 1-2 sand filters cleaned and any broken laterals replaced
- An all crew workday was conducted at Jose Ave. Park where mulch was replaced, split rail was repaired, and staff installed a new net in the volleyball court.
- The beach access point at 36th Ave had the stairs repaired after the elements have been taking their toll on them from the sun and surf
- Another all crew project day was conducted at Juvenile Probation on Graham Hill Road in order to keep the vegetation contained and help with maintaining sight lines
- Repairs to the long slide at Anna Jean Cummings park were completed along with repairing a walkway handrail
- New plants were planted at the entry of Simpkins Family Swim Center which were donated to the Parks Department

- Maintenance staff have been generously working extra hours or hours outside of their normal schedules to help in the success of the many special events held by the department for July as National Parks and Recreation month.

South

- Staff made major maintenance progress at Pinto on an all-hands TEAM day. We cleaned out old sheds, trimmed bushes back from roadways, and cleared out a settling pond.
- Restroom roof at Scott Park was replaced.
- Water tank at Scott Estate being replaced as we speak. Old tank sprouting holes.
- Rio Del Mar concession site has been completed.
- Planning for new playground (replacement) at Hidden Beach has started in earnest. Looking forward to public meetings to get input (TBA).
- Fence at Seascape needs replacement. One bid came in at 65K. Looking at options and alternatives for cheaper project.
- New landscape adjacent to Aptos Village community room looks GREAT.
- Soquel Lions riverbank restoration project continues with Cal OES.
- Two maintenance employees (Brendan and Ben) will attend water backflow testing certification next week.
- Overgrown shrubs at Polo Grounds were significantly thinned by dog park.
- Staff did a lot of high weed mowing at several South parks. Winter rains made for strong and healthy weeds.
- Bike pump track was refurbished at Polo Grounds

Veterans Building

- New Vets hall manager Chris Cottingham is on-board and coming up to speed. Chris brings a wealth of talent and we welcome to his new position.
- HVACs fixed. Now the boiler feeling alone and wants attention. Maintenance team never bored!!
- Revenues on a positive upwards trend (after a couple years of maintenance closures) we seem to be gaining our feet again.
- Elevator is safe but not always dependable (1932 original installation). Exploring funding opportunities for comprehensive renovation.
- August 2nd Vets hosted a “First Friday” event 5-9pm to showcase veteran talents of music, arts, and food.



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Date: April 2019- July 2019
To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Sheryl Bailey, Project Manager & Will Fourt, Park Planner
Subject: Planning Section Status Report

Felton Library

A construction contract has been awarded to Thompson Builders Corporation for the construction of the Felton Library Discovery Park. Construction has begun and the contractor is working on preparing the site.

Chanticleer Park: The construction is underway at Chanticleer Park for the Phase I development to include LEO's Haven. Granite Construction has undergone most of the site demolition and grading, and is working on playground installation, stormwater infrastructure, site electrical, and other parts of the project. The restroom building was delivered to the site.

Quail Hollow Brook Restoration Grant

The graphic artist team, Jane Bolling Design and Parks Planning staff are working on the conceptual panels. Volunteers are beginning to maintain the trail and brook restoration work to be completed prior to October 2019 anticipated grantor inspection.

Heart of Soquel Phase 2 & 3

The Soquel Creek Linear Parkway project (a.k.a. Heart of Soquel Phases 2 and 3) was awarded nearly \$1.5 million dollars by the California Natural Resources Agency for our CA River Parkways Grant application. A grant contract is in the process of negotiation and is anticipated to be received in the next couple of weeks. On 7/25/19, the State Natural Resource Agency's Department of Parks and Recreation announced the award of a Habitat Conservation Fund grant in the amount of \$200,500 for the riparian restoration. On 5/23/19 the Planning Department approved the HOS Phase 3 Development Permit application submitted on 4/3/19. Portions of the construction may begin as soon as late Fall of 2019 or Spring of 2020, pending permit approvals.

Farm Phases 2 & 3

On 5/14/19, The Board approved an amendment to the Waterways Contract for them to provide design and construction assistance complete this work, including assisting with five community meetings prior to 8/5/19. Five community meetings were held from June 7- July 9, 2019, with the assistance of eight community partners consistent with the Statewide Park Program Grant Program (SPP) requirements. Planning staff is currently working on this grant application that is due 8/5/19. It is anticipated that grant awards will be announced in December of 2019

Seacliff Village Park Phase 2- Parks Planning staff SSA Landscape Architects Inc. are currently in the process of selecting the permanent restroom finishes. A contract with the manufacturer of the restroom for construction of this pre-fabricated restroom will be developed following the selection of the finishes. The Call to Artists will also follow the restroom finishes selection.



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Date: July – Aug 2019
To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Kathy DeWild, Program Coordinator
Subject: Recreation Section Report

Art Exhibitions

Marie Massey's paintings will be on exhibition at the Simpkins Family Swim Center / Parks office through early August, after which Sandra Cherk will show her pastel paintings until mid-October. At the County Government Center on the first floor through Oct. 1 is the annual County Employee Exhibition; on the fifth floor through Oct. 4 are paintings by Byson Bost and Clara Miller, and glass works by Randie Silverstein (in the case).

La Selva Beach Library Public Art Project

The selection panel met on May 23 to interview the two finalists for the project; their recommendation went before the Arts Commission for their consideration on June 10 and was approved. Denise Davidson's contract and project proposal will be considered by the Board of Supervisors at their August 27 meeting.

Cell Tower Equipment Cabinet Art

The first cell tower cabinet in Davenport was completed by local artist Vanessa Stafford. Similar in nature to the County's "Outside the Box" program where drab traffic controller boxes are colorfully transformed by local artists, this project seeks to beautify utility cabinets which house cell tower equipment. Sophie Webb has begun work on one of the three cabinets she will be painting. Similar future projects of this nature are planned for Portola Drive in Live Oak.





Behavioral Health Office Building (BHOB) Public Art Project

Bruce Harman, the public artist for the BHOB Public Art Project, completed one of the three elements of his projects, four oversized butterflies (each 20" W x 18" H) and they will soon be installed in the garden on 4' steel posts. Work on other two elements, an approximately 30' W x 12' L outdoor mural and an indoor mural approximately 20' L x 8' H, which will serve as a background for client artwork created in staff- and therapist-led workshops, will begin soon.

Artist of the Year

The nomination period for Artist of the Year closed on July 19. Members of the public nominated several artists. Parks staff have contracted the nominees regarding the application process; should an artist wish to be considered for the award their application materials must be submitted by August 2.

Adult and Senior Programs

In June, trip-goers enjoyed a narrated cruise on the Delta, lunch and time in the quaint town of Rio Vista and a ride aboard an electric rail car as well as a guided tour of the car house at the Western Railway Museum. July featured a trip to watch the San Francisco Giants take on the New York Mets at Oracle Park. It was a thrilling 12-inning game which ended with a walk-off homerun securing a Giants victory! August offers participants an opportunity to experience a Champagne Brunch at the famous Cliff House in San Francisco, followed by time to explore Golden Gate Park.

Girls Paving the Way

Wednesday workshops: Participants in Girls Paving the Way have had a variety of fun programs Staff attended a GIRLS (Gaining Information to Reach a Life of Success) Paving the Way program partner summit on Tuesday, July 23. We were excited to introduce our new hire to the partners and to hear positive feedback from participant and parent focus groups. We also pinpointed areas of collective focus in order to best support the GIRLS in their final year of middle school and the 3-yr. pilot program.

La Selva Beach ACE Program

La Selva Beach Summer Camp has had an excellent summer so far, and staff are looking forward to the last couple of weeks of the third and final three-week session of summer camp 2019. A recent weekly theme was Carnival Week which included fun activities such as making carnival tents, parachute games, mini-pizza making, a ring master game, face painting, cake walk & musical chairs, and a pajama and movie day. The highlights of the week were field trips to the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk and a field trip to Manresa Beach, as well as two very special guests sponsored by the La Selva Beach Library, which included a very entertaining & educational Bubbles Show, as well as a very interesting Jungle James Reptiles show! The visited the La Selva Beach Library each Thursday from 4-5 p.m. for a session of Minecraft, which continues to be very popular. La Selva Beach Summer Camp has also been fortunate to have 27 youth volunteers from local middle schools and high schools come in to assist staff with running the camp. Each volunteer has gone through an application, interview and 3-hour training day. Many of our past and current staff members were once volunteers, and most were former camp attendees! We have had a fun, memorable summer and look forward to ending it with a blast of excitement which will include a field trip to Jose Avenue Park & the Simpkins Swim Center, a field trip to California's Great America, a talent show, dance competition and much more! Staff are looking forward to the start of the school year at La Selva Beach ACE, Mar Vista ACE, and Mar Vista Kinder programs, which begin August 14.

Quail Hollow Ranch

Public Programs

The monthly Sunday morning bird walk continues to bring novice and avid birders to the Ranch. Recently, there have been around 10 participants per walk and the interest continues to grow. In a similar vein, the Santa Cruz Astronomy Club is out at the Ranch once a month sharing their extensive knowledge of the night sky. Fall is the best for star gazing in Santa Cruz County - less fog, still not too cold – so the star party scheduled for August 30 is sure to be a hit! Park historian Richard James is offering monthly house-history tours, where people from up and down the San Lorenzo Valley come to learn about the ranch's history and to share stories and personal anecdotes from the 40s and 50s. Attendees on the tour in July learned about the original European settlers at what is now known as Quail Hollow Ranch.

Day Camps

Quail Hollow Ranch hosted several different camps this summer. **Zombie Camp** was completely full with 24 kids. Campers learned survival skills like 1st aid, shelter building, knife safety, water purification, and critical thinking skills. All skills were taught through scenarios and the campers imaginations were impressive! Each day there was a team challenge which pushed participants to work together with people they might not know very well to accomplish difficult tasks. **Nature Adventure Camp** participants hiked all over Quail Hollow Ranch, even exploring some special spots that are off trail and rarely seen by hikers. The campers practiced stewardship, contributed to citizen science, kept extensive nature journals, studied newts and banana slugs firsthand, and got a chance to swim and catch fish in the San Lorenzo. Currently, **Science Sleuths Camp** is underway. This summer themes range from food science to the human body and nature science to machines.





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To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Mary Chavez, Program Coordinator
Subject: Reservations Section Report

Completed for June and July *(no specific order)*

- New reservable picnic area for Scot Park still being constructed.
- Sycamore Concessions rescinded their business opportunities with us for the Hook, Polo Grounds, and Rio Del Mar sites. Little notice was given.
- “Hiccapping Dragon” concession will be providing limited service at Rio Del Mar.
- Have a food truck at Polo Grounds on weekends for service there.
- Joined with Auditors office for “Love in the Hollow” at Quail Hollow Park, multiple weddings every 30 minutes. Was great success!!
- Wedding reservations have still been very popular this summer overall.
- Now providing multiple food trucks to the 701 and Emeline campuses M-F. very successful and employees enjoy the variety of options.
- Multiple Movie Nights at Heart of Soquel, Felt, Pinto, and Highlands parks.
- Aptos Chamber of Commerce held their Aptos parade which ended in our park (Aptos Village), another successful parade this year.
- Taco Tuesdays at Felton Covered Bridge are going great. Pop in for a bite!
- Softball season now complete. Maintenance prepping and switching fields over to soccer use. Soccer bookings almost full.
- Speaking of softball, the “*Jim Walters*” softball tournament is this weekend (Aug 3-4) at Highlands park. In it’s third decade and strong as ever.
- Finally, we had this little thing called “*July is Parks Month*”. Staff provided a special event (or public program) all 31 days of July!! Their dedicated was tremendous and the public had lots of great activities. Kudos to the team!!

Looking Forward

- Teaming up with Animal Services for a Movie Night at Brommer Park on **August 8th**
- Looking forward to **Park and Rex** dog swim day at Simpkins pool on **August 24th**.
Please swing by and look at all the happy tails wagging!! It's a fund raiser with Animal Services; all for a good cause. 12-4pm.
- Planning continues for our **5/3K run** on **October 27th**, "*Dia de los Muertos!*". Run starts at 9am. Festival and activities 11am to 3pm. Get your tennis' ready.

See you next meeting =)



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To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Margaret Ingraham, Volunteer Program Coordinator
Subject: Volunteer Program Report

NORTH COUNTY

Quail Hollow Ranch

A local Eagle Scout Troop planted 7 young apple trees in the apple orchard at Quail Hollow this last month. Our Maintenance Lead Worker, Joe Parrot organized and led the event. The Troop of 8 Eagle Scouts dug holes, installed gopher wire and deer fencing, and planted the new trees. They will be watering them regularly throughout the summer to ensure their survival.



The Volunteer Trail Crew continues to meet weekly but are challenged with keeping up with trail maintenance due to the prolific growth of vegetation this year. Some of the trail volunteers are volunteering additional days, coming to the park on their own to maintain the trails. Two of our docents at the park, Richard and Kathy James have “adopted” the Discovery Loop trail and have spent many hours on keeping the vegetation cut back. They are also fixing the rolling dips that are on that trail as they are essential to the water flow once the rains start. Maintaining the rolling dips is especially important to the Parks Department as the original project was partially grant funded and has oversight by grant administrators.

A free full moon guided hike was offered as part of our July is Parks Make Life Better Month at Quail Hollow Ranch on the full moon night starting at 9:00 pm. Three volunteers were needed to lead the hike because over 60 participants showed up. Everyone enjoyed the well-groomed trails in the light of the full moon, and the views from a look out point of the moon and valley floor were spectacular.



Anna Jean Cummings Park

Volunteers Carl Silverberg and Tim Bennett continue to pick up trash and help with any homeless encampments that need to be cleaned up.

As part of July is Parks Make Life Better Month, we offered a free guided hike at AJC, Vivian Fenner-Evans, an AJC Bird Enthusiast volunteered to lead this hike.

Parks Office

Volunteer, David Kwan continues to help in office on Tuesdays and Thursday and has been very helpful lately with some data entry tasks.

SOUTH COUNTY

Pinto Lake Park

Volunteer Dave Suno must step down from volunteering so many hours at Pinto Lake Park and the disc golf course. Dave has been volunteering with County Parks since 2011 and has put in over 4000 hours. Dave's efforts will be missed, but he promises to still be involved in some capacity. Dave recruited a new volunteer to help at Pinto and his name is Scott Brown, we welcome Scott to the volunteer team at Pinto.

Aptos Village Park On June 4th 95 middle school children and 3 chaperones from Westlake Charter School, in Sacramento volunteered at Aptos Village Park. The volunteers were split into several smaller project groups. The volunteers stained all the pillars around the building, painted approximately 50 feet of red zone curbs, stained all the wood benches in the front, cleaned the wedding gazebo, pulled weeds, and did some general clean up. The group volunteered for a total of 285 hours. This was the second time this school has volunteered for County Parks. Last year they volunteered at The Farm Park.

Seacliff Village Park

On July 16th 67 youth and 8 chaperones from the SDA Church Summer Camp in Soquel volunteered at the park to pull weeds and do a general park clean up. We created 3 different stations and the volunteers rotated every 40 minutes. One of the stations was a Park Ranger from Seacliff Beach who played a Sea and Ocean Life educational game of Jeopardy with the children. The children and chaperones had a productive and educational morning at Seacliff Village Park. This was the second year this group has volunteered in County Parks! Last year they volunteered at Ana Jean Cummings Park.



Ben Lomond Park

The Ben Lomond Park has a new native plant garden thanks to volunteers. The garden was started in the winter by the AmeriCorps Team that was led by Linda Skeff from the San Lorenzo Valley (SLV) Restoration Project. Recently additional native plants were planted. The new plants were purchased and donated by the SLV Valley Women's Club. The planting and drip irrigation installation was done by volunteers from the SLV Rotary and SLV Restoration Project.



Junior Recreation Volunteers

The Junior Recreation Program Volunteers that help with staff in the summer recreation programs have volunteered over 800 hours so far. The Junior Lifeguard Volunteers who help with the staff at the pool have volunteered over 600 hours!

Volunteers

Volunteer, Jay Todd has been busy with trash pick-up at the beach access points, parking lots, and highway on the North Coast. He has been volunteering 3-5 hours a week trying to keep up with the trash left by the summer crowds.

Lisa Larson, a volunteer for the Santa Cruz Bird Club, volunteered to lead 4 bird walks for our July is Parks Makes Life Better Month. She led bird walks in Ana Jean Cummings Park, and Pinto Lake County Park. Lisa also volunteered for our free guided hike that was offered at Pinto Lake.

Volunteers Karen, Lisa, and Magnolia volunteered for us at the Friday Night Recess event on Cooper Street.

Players with the Harbor High Water Polo Team and some of their parents volunteered for us at the Family Fun Day in Harvey West Park.