



# PARKS AND RECREATION

## PARK POST

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Recreation Department



April 2025

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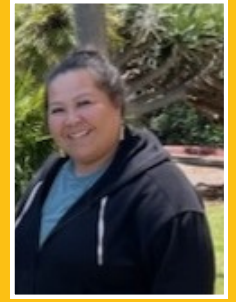
# ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY

**Jasmine Mayhew,**  
Clerical Assitant 2 (AC)



Citywide Recreation Services

**Carolyn Galvan,** Payroll Supervisor; **Tatiana Willis,** Clerical Assistant 2 (PSII); **Salina Villegas,** Account Clerk (PS II); **Lakisha Alomar,** Payroll Specialist 2; **Rochelle San Nicolas,** Clerical Assistant 1 (PSII)



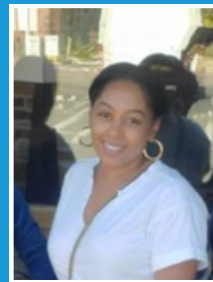
Payroll Services

**Sofia Bengel**  
Office Support Specialist



Department Training

**Alyse Lopez,** Administrative Aide 2; **Celina Thibeault,** Clerical Assistant 1 (OSS); **Danisha Jackett,** Account Clerk



Open Space / MADs

**Denise Wright,**  
Administrative Aide 2;  
**Carly Levin,** Account Clerk



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Community Parks I

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April 23<sup>rd</sup> was Administrative Professional's Day which is when our dedicated support staff is recognized throughout the department. Parks and Recreation Administrative Professionals, we see you — and we're grateful for you. Your hard work and dedication do not go unnoticed, from managing the chaos to keeping things moving behind the scenes, your impact is felt every single day. You are a true asset, and the department values your daily contributions. Your willingness to help others and your collaborative spirit make us stronger together. Wishing you a fantastic Administrative Professionals Day!

*"The difference between ordinary  
and extraordinary is a little extra."*

*-Jimmy Johnson*

# ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY *Continued*

**Brenda Garcia**, Account Clerk; **Adriana Arias**, Payroll Specialist 2; **Annie Zachau**, Clerical Assistant 2; **Marissa O'Connor**, Account Clerk



Golf Operations

**Guadalupe Parra**, Public Info Clerk; **Sarah Gromek**, Public Info Clerk; **Martha Buelna**, Account Clerk; **Maria Villegas**, Sr Clerk; **Maria Cummins**, Account Clerk



Balboa Park

**Wendy Inman**, Clerical Assistant 2; **Dianna Di Guilio**, Assistant Management Analyst; **Rachel Ruiz**, Administrative Aide 2



Community Parks II

**Guadalupe Eddleman**, Public Information Clerk; **Joel A.M. Bird**, Public Information Clerk; **Yvette Zamudio**, Administrative Aide 2



Mt. Hope Cemetery

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*"Always be nice to [admin professionals]. They are the real gatekeepers in the world."*

*-Anthony J. D'Angelo*

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# CITYWIDE RECREATION SERVICES

## *Spring Egg Hunt Events*

[Recreation Links](#)

[Recreation Services](#)

[P&R Event Calendar](#)

[P&R Website](#)



# COMMUNITY PARKS I & ASSET MANAGEMENT

## *Solana Highlands Elementary Tree Planting Project*



On April 1, 2025, in partnership with Council District 1, eleven new trees were planted at the Solana Highlands Elementary Joint Use site. Councilmember Joe LaCava, along with members of the Parks and Recreation team and local community members participated in the planting of six Southern Magnolia and five Peppermint trees. The project was made possible through CPPS funds received by Council District 1.

This effort not only beautifies our shared spaces but also promotes environmental sustainability and community pride. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this project a success!



**SDPR STAFF:** Shannon Scoggins, Jaime Diez, Anna Sonnenburg, Angel Castro, David Salenius, Edward Baskin, Mike Mangarelli, Claudia Apodaca, Brian Bobadilla, Ramon Garcia De Alba, Avelino Prado, Armando Zaldivar, Gabe Ryan, Jessie Ortiz, Brennan Logan, Michael Saldivar, Armando Angulo, Tony Chancoy, and Raul Ruvalcaba.

# SAN DIEGO PARKS FOUNDATION



The San Diego Parks Foundation's mission is to invest in and actively advocate for community and neighborhood parks, recreational activities and outdoor resources in the City of San Diego, promoting public interest by ensuring these spaces are attractive, welcoming, safe, equitable and accessible to all residents. To find out more about our partnership with SD Parks & Rec and our impact, visit

[www.sandiegoparksfoundation.org](http://www.sandiegoparksfoundation.org).

## *Enhanced Spring Events*



The San Diego Parks Foundation enhanced ten Spring events at Recreation Centers throughout San Diego with a total of 3,462 participants at Memorial, Paradise Hills, Martin L. King, Linda Vista, Southcrest, Golden Hill, Penn Athletic Field, South Bay, Cesar Chavez, and Mt. View Recreation Centers. Center Directors and their staff did a wonderful job in providing exceptional programming experiences for their communities.





# AQUATICS: FIRST HIRING HALL

## *Planning Collaboration with Personnel and Aquatics*



## *Hiring Hall Event at Allied Gardens Pool*



The First Aquatics Hiring Hall took place on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Participants completed skill tests, interviews, reviewed hiring information, and received conditional offers for on-the-spot hiring. Additional support provided by the Personnel Department for: City ID pictures, coordinating fingerprinting and medical exams. Kudos to Aquatics for laying the groundwork for events that will benefit the Department in the future.



# GET IT DONE

Welcome to the April 2025 Get It Done Update! In this issue, we're excited to share ongoing improvements that support a more seamless and efficient case management experience for both park staff and the community. From behind-the-scenes upgrades to user-facing changes, every enhancement is geared toward making park maintenance smoother, quicker, and more responsive.

## New Internal Case Types:

To help improve categorization and resolution of commonly reported concerns, we are planning to introduce three new internal case types in the upcoming months:

- **Dog Poop Bags:** Missing or requested dog poop bag issues will now be grouped as a new case type for better tracking and follow-up.
- **Feedback – Customer Question:** Designed to capture resident inquiries about park closures, policies, or any general questions that not related to a maintenance request.
- **Weeds:** Separates general brush issues from those specifically related to weed overgrowth.

These internal categories will enable our team to respond more accurately and consistently, reducing confusion and case overlap.

A highly requested user interface enhancement is now live. When users access the "Assigned to Me" queue in the Parks GID field and return after reviewing a case, the system now remembers their page position. This means users will no longer be sent back to the top of the page—they'll return right where they left off. This update is now functional across all Parks menu actions, making it easier to manage multiple cases with less interruption and more efficiency.

## Recent Case Submissions:

This month, we logged 914 new cases across our parks—and as always, your quick, thoughtful responses made a meaningful difference in our neighborhoods. From graffiti and irrigation concerns to equipment repairs and safety hazards, your efforts continue to reflect the power of teamwork and community care.

As parks become busier with springtime activities, every resolved case helps keep our shared spaces safe, clean, and welcoming for all visitors. Whether it's addressing public safety, maintaining greenery, or ensuring working amenities, your contributions drive the continued success of Get It Done. Thank you for being an essential part of this collective effort.

## Survey Shout Outs:

The words below acknowledge the dedication and effort you demonstrate each day. Thank you for your commitment to excellence—your work is impactful.



Here's a breakdown of the cases we tackled:

<i>Case Type</i>	<i>Total</i>
Graffiti	343
Other	202
Sprinkler/Irrigation	52
Illegal Dumping	46
Potential Tree Hazard	35
Trash/Litter	29
Brush Management/Weeds	24
Broken Playground Equipment	23
Illegal Activity	19
Drinking Fountain	18

# GET IT DONE

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<i>Park Name</i>	<i>Division</i>	<i>Response</i>	<i>Case Type</i>
Balboa Park Dog Park-Morley Field	BP	10	Drinking Fountain
Parkside Neighborhood Park	CP II	10	Graffiti
Marian Bear Open Space Memorial Park	OS/MAD	10	Fencing
Sabre Springs Neighborhood Park	CP I	10	Graffiti
El Carmel Point	MB/SLP	10	Other



## *Park Name Resident Comments*

Balboa Park Dog Park-Morley Field	"The matter get attention quickly someone was there the next day trying."
Parkside Neighborhood Park	"Always doing a great job thank you"
Marian Bear Open Space Memorial Park	"The system is very user-friendly. I uploaded a photo, gave it a brief description and the job got done."
Sabre Springs Neighborhood Park	"Light pole has new cover to protect people from shocks -Thank you"
El Carmel Point	"I appreciate the responsiveness and follow up by Park's department employees keeping El Carmel Pt clean and safe"

## Total Cases by Park

Lastly, see the table below for a summary of which park had the most cases reported. Shout out to Shoreline crews for handling the most cases this month!

<i>Park Name</i>	<i>Site: Division</i>	<i>Record Count</i>
Shoreline - Beach Mechanized	MB/SLP	18
Parkside Neighborhood Park	CP II	18
Balboa Park East Mesa	BP	17
Ward Canyon Neighborhood Park	CP II	14
Grape Street Dog Park	BP	11
Robb Field Athletic Area	CP I	10
Park de la Cruz Neighborhood Park	CP II	10
Ocean Beach Park (Santa Monica)	MB/SLP	10
Mission Point	MB/SLP	10
Crown Point Shores	MB/SLP	10



## We Value Your Feedback

Your feedback is essential in helping us enhance Get It Done and better support our community. We welcome your thoughts, ideas, and suggestions on how we can improve the platform and assist you in your work.

Please feel free to reach out to Conrad Wear ([cbwear@sandiego.gov](mailto:cbwear@sandiego.gov)) or Kartiki Pande ([kpande@sandiego.gov](mailto:kpande@sandiego.gov)) with any feedback. Your voice matters, and our GID Team is here to listen.

Thank you for your dedication and hard work—together, we can continue making a meaningful impact, one case at a time!

# SAFETY AND TRAINING

## Safety Tip: Heat Illness Prevention Reminder



Did you know that heat exhaustion and heat stroke can be life-threatening?  
Here are three quick tips to stay safe in hot conditions:

1. Stay Hydrated: Drink water frequently, even if you're not thirsty.
2. Take Breaks in the Shade: Rest in a cool or shaded area during high temperatures.
3. Wear Lightweight Clothing: Light-colored and breathable fabrics help keep you cool.

By following these precautions, we can prevent heat-related illnesses and stay safe in the heat!

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“No one who achieved success does so without acknowledging the help of others. The wise and confident acknowledge this help with gratitude.”

-Alfred North Whitehead

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## Upcoming Trainings

### Race and Equity Academy

*Date:* May 20, 2025

*Time:* 8:45 AM – 4:45 PM

*Location:* Training Room

Register in SuccessFactors

### May Supervisor's Meeting

*Date:* May 21, 2025

*Time:* 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

*Location:* Balboa Park Club Ballroom

Register in SuccessFactors

### Career Advancement and Jobs Info Session

*Date:* May 15, 2025

*Time:* 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

*Location:* Training Room

[Click here to register](#)

**Training Room  
is located at  
9485 Aero Drive**



The City of  
**SAN DIEGO**  
Parks & Recreation Department

# ADMINISTRATION

## Payroll Updates

Supervisors, please make sure to designate your supervisor as a Sub. Approver for online leave requests before taking time off, if you are taking a week or more off.

Last day to make changes on timecards is non-payday Friday. Should you need to make a change, supervisor needs to re-approve in SAP immediately after in order for the system to pick up changes. And note, this could put you at risk of not receiving a paycheck.

Jury duty requirements: court summons, court time sheet, and leave requests are all required to be emailed to payroll on last day of attending jury duty or on payday if serving on a jury.

*“Your most important work is always ahead of you, never behind you.”*

*-Stephen Covey*

### Helpful P&R Links

[CityNet](#)

[Personnel](#)

[Inside SD](#)

[Get-It-Done](#)

### City Job Links

[Open Jobs](#)

[Transfer Opportunities](#)

[Promotional Jobs  
for City Employees Only](#)

## Volunteer and Intern Office Updates

### Employ and Empower and Unpaid Internships

Check out CityNet for updated intern information [here](#). Please remember, Employ and Empower interns will not begin hiring until July 1<sup>st</sup>. Updates include:

- New recruiting process with updated training materials
- Step-by-Step Guide to Unpaid Internships



### Volunteers Needed for Summer Programing

Complete this [form](#) and make an appointment to get fingerprinting done now.

### Park Post Submissions

Pictures needed! Who's working where? What's happening in your work area? To submit pictures and/or content, please email [SDVolunteer@sandiego.gov](mailto:SDVolunteer@sandiego.gov).

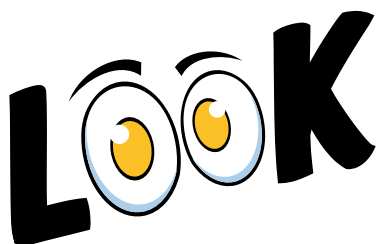
For more information on the **CalFresh Volunteer Program**, and **Volunteer Maintenance Support** email [SDVolunteer@sandiego.gov](mailto:SDVolunteer@sandiego.gov).

### Volunteer Links

[City Internship Program](#)

[Better Impact](#)

[Volunteer Page](#)



### NEW Department Picture contest

Capture the essence of Parks and Recreation.

Submit to [SDVolunteer@sandiego.gov](mailto:SDVolunteer@sandiego.gov).

Title submission: "Picture Contest"

Include full name, date, and division.

*Due by 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.*

Discretionary Time  
awarded to winner.



# PERSONNEL

## Promotions

Division	Name	Classification
OS	Anthony Armando Larceval	Grounds Maintenance Worker 2
CP II	Ahtthaijiri Bell	Recreation Center Director 3
CP II	Wren Binger	Pool Guard 1
MBSL	Eduardo Bojorquez	Equipment Operator 2
CP I	Brian Boyd	Recreation Center Director 2
CP I	Jared Carlock	Recreation Center Director 2
CP II	Johana Castillo	Recreation Center Director 1
CP I	Alicia Cordova	Recreation Center Director 3
CP II	Mariah Cote	Recreation Center Director 3
CP II	Taevee Davis	Recreation Center Director 3
CP I	James De Simone	Recreation Center Director 2
CP I	Oscar Gideon Eusebio	Area Manager
CP II	Denisse Figueroa	Recreation Center Director 1
CP II	Jacqueline Hernandez	Recreation Center Director 1
CP I	Carol Herrera	Recreation Center Director 3
CP I	Erin Holbeck	Recreation Center Director 1
CP II	Fernando Jumillas	Recreation Center Director 3
CP II	Ty Larsen	Pool Guard 1
BP	Adriana Magdaleno	Recreation Center Director 3
CP II	Justin Necaise	Area Manager
CP I	John O'Brien	Recreation Center Director 3
CP II	Jordan Raby	Recreation Center Director 3
CP II	Jose Renteria Rodriguez	Recreation Center Director 1
AS	Zina Rummani	Project Officer 2
BP	Andre Smith	Associate Management Analyst
CP II	Elixis Smith	Recreation Center Director 1
CP II	Robert Tamayo	Recreation Center Director 3
CP II	Susana Torrez	Recreation Center Director 1
OS	Xavier Tuitele	Grounds Maintenance Worker 2
CP I	Brian Vaira	Recreation Center Director 3
CP II	Sofia Vasquez	Pool Guard 1
CP II	Latricia Williams	Recreation Center Director 3
CP I	Anabel Wood	Recreation Center Director 3



# PERSONNEL

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## Service Awards

Division	Name	Classification	Years of Service
CMS	Michael Allen, Sr.	Light Equipment Operator	20
CMS	Brian Belew	Aquatics Technician Supervisor	25
OS	Loren Boerboom	District Manager	10
OS	John Crago III	Grounds Maintenance Manager	10
PR	Geoffrey Hasenauer	Park Ranger	30
OS	Tyra Miller	Senior Management Analyst	25
Golf	Ruben Sais	Golf Course Greenskeeper	5
OS	Billy Smith III	Grounds Maintenance Worker 2	5
BP	Kimberly Tran	Grounds Maintenance Worker 2	25

## New Hires

Division	Name	Classification
CP II	Alexander Dubin	Pool Guard 1
CP II	Harrison Eaton	Pool Guard 1
OS	Maya Holdren	Geographic Info Systems Analyst
CP II	Christopher Kam	Pool Guard 1
CP II	Kimber Manuel	Pool Guard 1
CP II	Justin Oliver	Water Safety Instructor
CP II	Samuel Stone	Pool Guard 1
CP II	Kristopher Trietley	Pool Guard 1
AS	Tatiana Willis	Clerical Assistant 2 (PS II)



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LATEST RETIREE

**Richard Trisby**

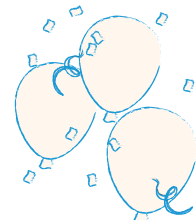
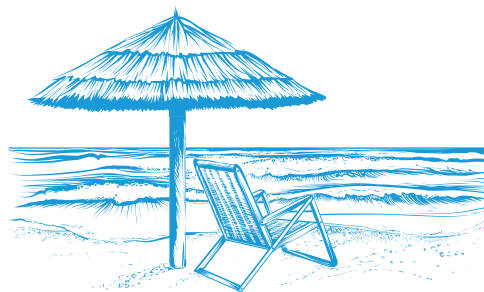
Ground Maintenance Manager



24 years of dedicated service.

## Service Retirement

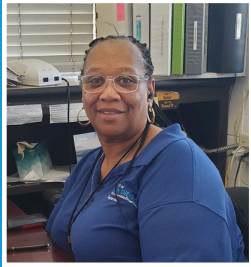
Division	Name	Classification	Years of Service
OS	Richard Trisby	Grounds Maintenance Manager	24



# HEART OF SERVICE

## *Announcing the FY25 Third Quarter Winners*

**Rochelle Buckhanon**



Recreation  
Leader I

**Jose Figueroa**



Grounds Maintenance  
Worker 2

**Kenneth Gardner**



Recreation  
Leader I



Non-Employees,  
submit your  
nomination to  
acknowledge and  
express recognition  
to exceptional  
employees [here](#).



[sandiego.gov/parks-  
and-recreation/heart-  
service-award](https://sandiego.gov/parks-and-recreation/heart-service-award)

**Nicholas Hurd**



Therapeutic Recreation  
Specialist

**Keegan Mitchell**



Grounds Maintenance  
Worker 2

**Rafael Padilla**



Aging Recreation  
Specialist

**Michael Rodriguez**



Therapeutic Recreation  
Specialist

**Frank Toscano**



Grounds Maintenance  
Worker 2

**Gary Woodson**



Recreation  
Leader I

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*"It is amazing how much you can accomplish  
when it doesn't matter who gets the credit."*

*-Harry S. Truman*

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# EMPLOYEE KUDOS

American Federation of State, County and Municipal Unions (Local 127) recognizes Parks and Recreation Open Space Division. Kudos to **Rodney Major**, Ground Maintenance Worker 2, for your dedication to Chollas Lake Park.



## San Diego Grounds Maintenance Worker Enjoys Building A Winning Team



To view the full story, click [here](https://www.afscme.org/blog/san-diego-grounds-maintenance-worker-enjoys-building-a-winning-team).

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Submitted by Carey Goldstein, Supervising Park Ranger

## *Letter of Appreciation from California Volunteers*

April 21, 2025,

### **Balboa Park Division**

Press Conference for  
Youth Service Corps  
Parks and Recreation

I wanted to extend my heartfelt thanks to you all for being such an extraordinary team and incredible partners throughout the planning and execution of Friday's press conference. Your attention to every detail, your calm coordination, and the strength of your entire team made all the difference, the event would not have come together so smoothly or successfully without you. It was a joy working alongside you, and I'm truly grateful for your support and dedication to making the day such a meaningful celebration of service. Please extend our thanks to every single person who was there on Friday — it was a pleasure meeting and getting to know everyone. We look forward to continued collaboration, and please don't hesitate to reach out if I can ever be of support to your team.

With deep appreciation,

Karie Portillo  
California Volunteers, Office of the Governor





## AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

### *Citywide Recreation Services:*

### *Memorial Senior Center Ribbon Cutting*



On March 28<sup>th</sup>, the Memorial Senior Center celebrated its opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Kudos to **AgeWell Services** for expanding the opportunity for community participation in programing.



### *Balboa Park Hosts California Volunteers*



The Balboa Park Division hosted the Youth Service Corps Press Conference and Service Activity on April 18<sup>th</sup>. The California Youth Service Corps is a State Organization that funds many City of San Diego programs including but not limited to Employ and Empower Interns and San Diego Fire Cadets. Kudos to the **Balboa Park** team for putting together this community service activity to promote State Funded Programing.



### *Citywide Recreation Services: AgeWell Volunteer Appreciation*





# AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

## *Community Parks II:*

### *Arbor Day at Colina del Sol Park*



**Forest Service**

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



The City of San Diego celebrated Arbor Day at Colina del Sol Park in City Heights as part of its Urban Forestry Program's "Ready, Set, Grow San Diego" initiative — a five-year effort to expand the City's urban forest through widespread tree planting and tree protection efforts. The program is supported by a \$10 million grant from the USDA Forest Service, Urban and Community Forestry Program.

The event marks a significant milestone for the City's Urban Forestry Program, which has planted 1,000 new trees so far through this initiative. The goal is to plant over 5,000 trees and protect an additional 600 existing trees by implementing sidewalk redesigns to promote tree health and longevity.

San Diego's Urban Forestry Program teamed up with San Diego FC this year in honor of Arbor Day. Team staff joined volunteers to plant more than 60 trees at the park and throughout the neighborhood.

Urban neighborhoods with mature trees can be up to 11 degrees cooler in the summer than neighborhoods without trees. Trees also clean the air we breathe by filtering dust and can help remove toxic pollutants from the atmosphere. A healthy, growing [urban forest](#) provides many long-term environmental, social and economic benefits and is a key component of the City's [climate action goals](#).



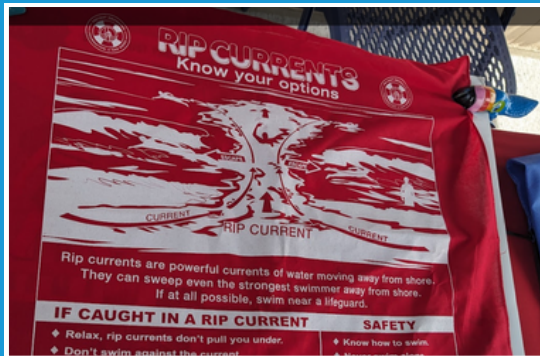
# AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

## *Community Parks II Aquatics: Crawford High School Water Safety Presentation*



On April 17<sup>th</sup>, **Ashley Soto-Jimenez**, Pool Manager, presented to over 100 high school students at Crawford High School about Water Safety. The presentation was designed to prepare participants for safe trips to the beach and other water activities this summer. Participants were then invited to attend Colina del Sol Pool to swim and participate in “Wear Your Lifejacket to Work Day” on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

## *Aquatics: Parent and Tot Class at Colina del Sol*



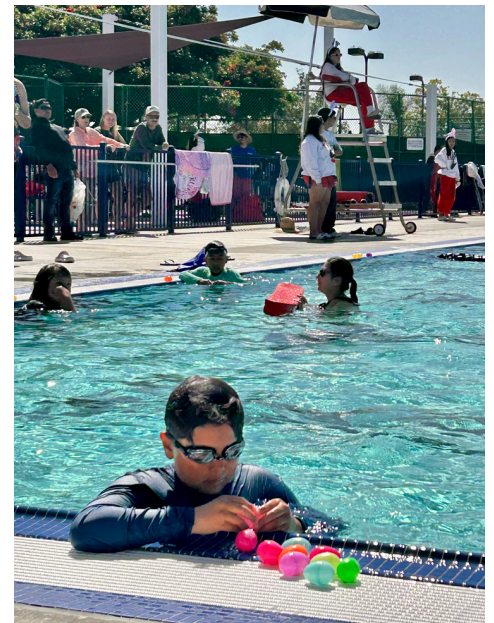
A Parent and Tot Workshop was held at Colina del Sol Pool on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Participants engaged in water safety, child and infant CPR, and parent and tot in-water classes. Classes include goldfish snacks and baby water bottles. Fun was had by all. Kudos to **Colina del Sol Pool** staff for providing these invaluable opportunities to the community.

# COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

## *Community Parks II: Senior Egg Hunt at City Heights*



## *Aquatics: Spring Egg Hunt at City Heights Pool*



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*"If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way."*

*-Martin Luther King, Jr.*

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# RECOGNIZED EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS



## Employee Organizations

EAP

Benefits



## Municipal Employees Association (MEA)

9620 Chesapeake Dr Ste 203  
San Diego, CA 92123

Phone: 619-264-6632

Fax: 858-300-3898

Web: [www.sdmea.org](http://www.sdmea.org)

## American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (Local 127)

3737 Camino Del Rio South Ste 400  
San Diego, CA 92108

Phone: 619-640-4939

Fax: 619-640-8171

Web: <http://www.afscme127.org>

## MY SAN DIEGO

## San Diego Public Employee Benefit Association

9620 Chesapeake Dr., Suite #104, San Diego, CA 92123

Main: (888) 315-8027 | Fax: (619) 431-3078

[support@sdpeba.org](mailto:support@sdpeba.org)

[info@sdpeba.org](mailto:info@sdpeba.org)

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## San Diego City Employees' Retirement System

401 West A Street, Suite 800, San Diego, CA 92101

Phone: (619) 525-3600

Toll Free: (800) 774-4977

FAX: (619) 595-0513

Monday - Friday

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.



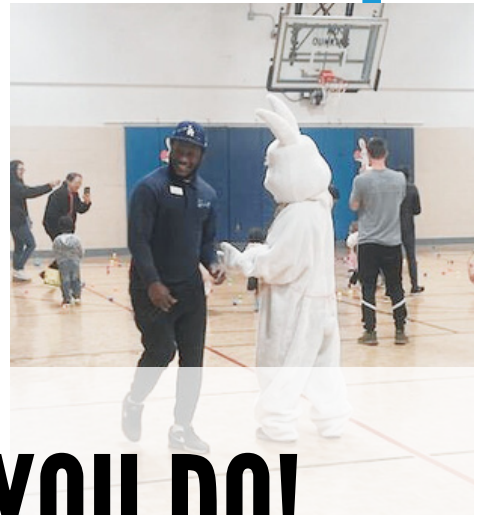
## Additional Links

[SDPEBA](#)

[Fiscal/Annual Calendar](#)

[SDCERS](#)





**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!**

