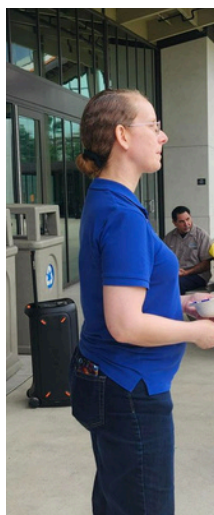
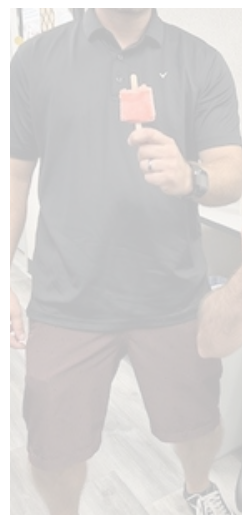




PARKS AND RECREATION PARK POST



July 2025



Parks and Recreation

NRPA PARK AND RECREATION MONTH

Professional's Day: Department Ice Cream Social Events



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To honor National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) month, and Park and Recreation Professional's Day, the City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department hosted ice cream socials across various sites. These events provided an opportunity for staff to enjoy a sweet treat while being recognized for their dedication and hard work in serving the communities. In this issue, enjoy a collection of photographs capturing the spirit and celebration of this special day.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the National Recreation and Park Association.

Click [here](#) to learn more about Park and Recreation Month

"Sticks in a bundle are unbreakable."
-Kenyan Proverb

NRPA PARK AND RECREATION MONTH *Continued*

Professional's Day: Department Ice Cream Social Events



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NRPA PARK AND RECREATION MONTH *Continued*

Professional's Day: Department Ice Cream Social Events



**"The strength of the team is each individual member.
The strength of each member is the team."**

-Phil Jackson

CITYWIDE RECREATION SERVICES

Summer Movies In the Park



Events to date: 27

Total Events: 67

Participants so far: 3,700

Average attendance: 150 per event



[Recreation Links](#)

[Recreation Services](#)

[P&R Event Calendar](#)

[P&R Website](#)



- FREE! Fun for the whole family.
- Show begins at dusk.
- Bring a blanket or a chair.
- All dogs must be on leash.

Click [here](#) for the Parks and Recreation Event Calendar.

SUMMER
**MOVIES
IN THE PARK**

PRESENTED BY
**San Diego
Foundation** | **50 YEARS**

Click [here](#) for the full Summer Movies In the Park Schedule.

Summer Movies In the Park



SAN DIEGO PARKS FOUNDATION



The San Diego Parks Foundation in conjunction with the City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department continues to have a very busy summer schedule with the following programs:

- Parks After Dark - After four weeks of busy activities, entertainment, crafts, food and game at all the five locations -City Heights, Skyline, Silver Wing, Memorial and Linda Vista we have had 21,318 community members in attendance. The event will continue through August 9th.
- Teen Nite- Kicked off at 10 locations throughout the city on June 27th with over 50 teens in attendance every Friday night from 5-8 pm.
- Nature Camp -Has completed its 6 weeks with twelve centers enjoying field trips, science, a visit from the Humane Society and outdoor fun. Two weeks remain in this program with four centers to go.
- Ribbon Cutting Event at Rancho Bernardo Recreation Center - On July 15th the Parks and Recreation Department and Park Foundation opened the new Rancho Bernardo fields where the lawn bowling courts used to be. This addition will allow for more community play and athletic practice areas thanks to an anonymous donor.
- Upcoming events - City wide softball championships on August 16th at Silver Wing Recreation Center and City wide Futsal at Muni Gym on August 22nd & 23rd, 2025



www.sandiegoparksfoundation.org

SAN DIEGO PARKS FOUNDATION

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SAN DIEGO PARKS FOUNDATION

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"Young people should be at the forefront of global change and innovation."

-Kofi Annan

PARK RANGERS

Park Ranger Accomplishments

Park Rangers provide year round support for the City's natural resources in regional and open space parks. They are the stewards of the parks system's natural, historic and cultural resources.



Here are just a few highlights they have accomplished:

- Removed 260 invasive palm trees from Ruffin Canyon with **Park Ranger Tiffany**
- Planted 1,097 native plants and 100+ scrub oaks in Rose Canyon with **Park Rangers Steve and Austin**
- Prepared 638 holes for native plantings in Otay Valley River Park for **Park Rangers Mika and Park Ranger Wendy**
- Removed 9,795+ lbs of invasive species from Balboa Park with **Park Rangers Mike and Kyle**
- Painted a vibrant mural in Swan Canyon with **Park Rangers Erika and Marlon**
- Maintained numerous restoration sites in Tecolote Canyon with **Park Ranger Monica**

“The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team.”

-Phil Jackson

PARK RANGERS

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Park Ranger Accomplishments

To all our Park Rangers:

Thank you for your dedication, collaboration, and love for the land. July 31st is World Ranger Day! World Ranger Day is celebrated around the world on July 31st each year on the anniversary of the founding of [The International Ranger Federation \(IRF\)](#), an organization that supports the work of rangers as the key protectors of parks and conservation.

-Michael Ruiz,
Chief Park Ranger



Park Rangers on Patrol



Left: Park Rangers on patrol during Comic-Con.

Below: Mayor Todd Gloria stopped by Mission Beach on July 4th and took a photo with the Park Rangers on patrol.



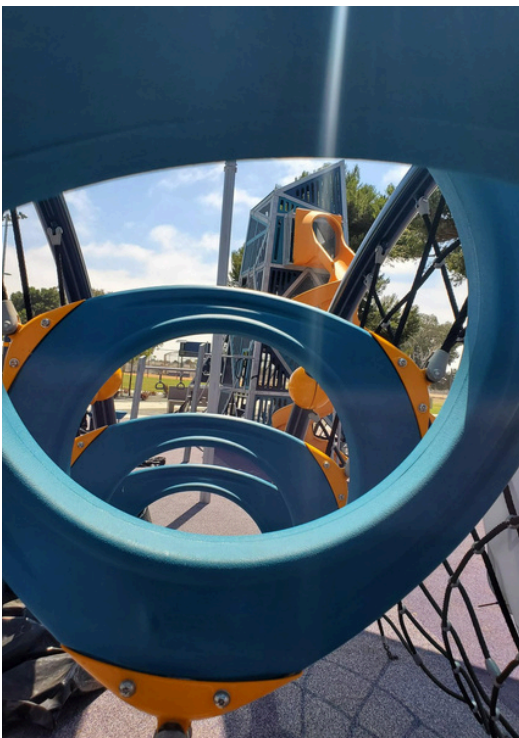
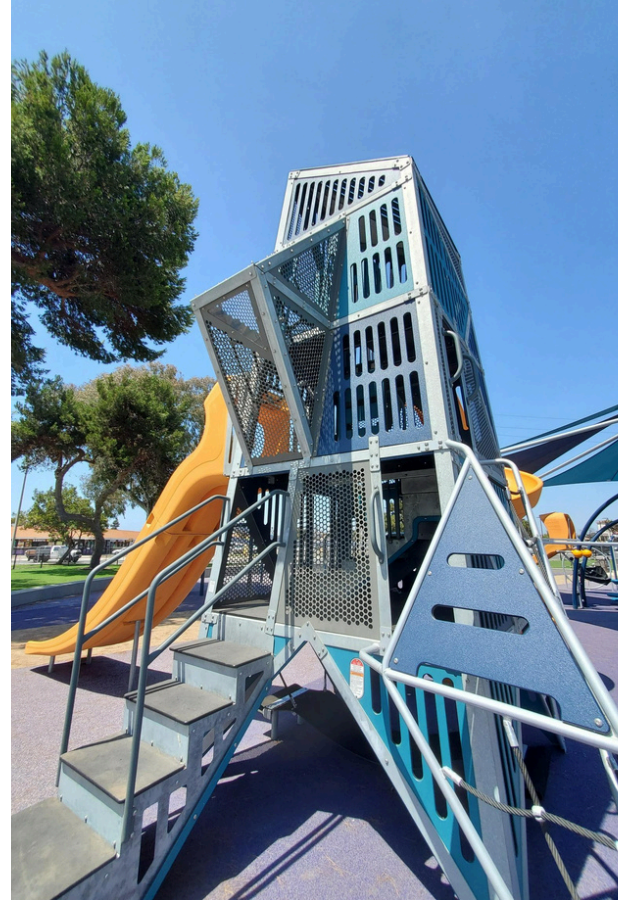
ROBERT EGGER SOUTH BAY CIP

Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Spotlight

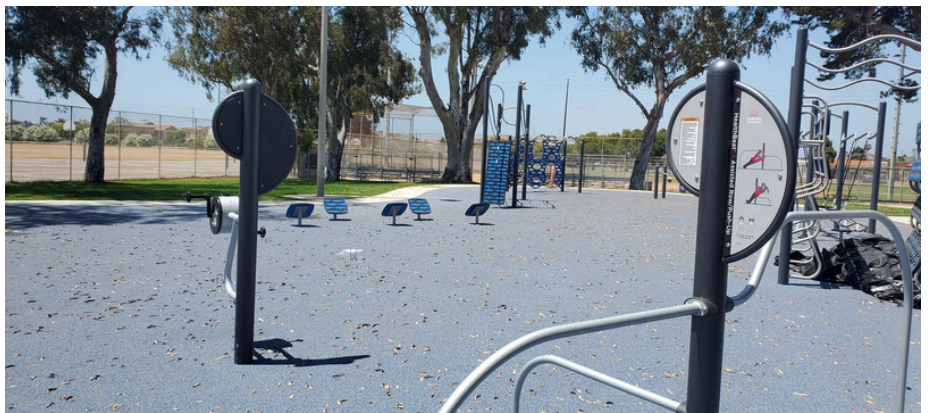
Parks and Recreation's Asset Management in collaboration with Community Parks II, Citywide Park Maintenance, and Engineering and Capital Projects Department, the City's newest Park CIP is nearly ready to open.



The Robert Egger South Bay Community Park Improvements CIP has completely renovated the play experience for the Community. One of the most eye-catching features of the CIP is the 12-ft tall play structure, the tallest play structure in the City. With a collaborative approach to understanding Operations and Maintenance needs, all playgrounds and exercise areas are equipped with Rubber Poured-in-Place Safety Surfacing.

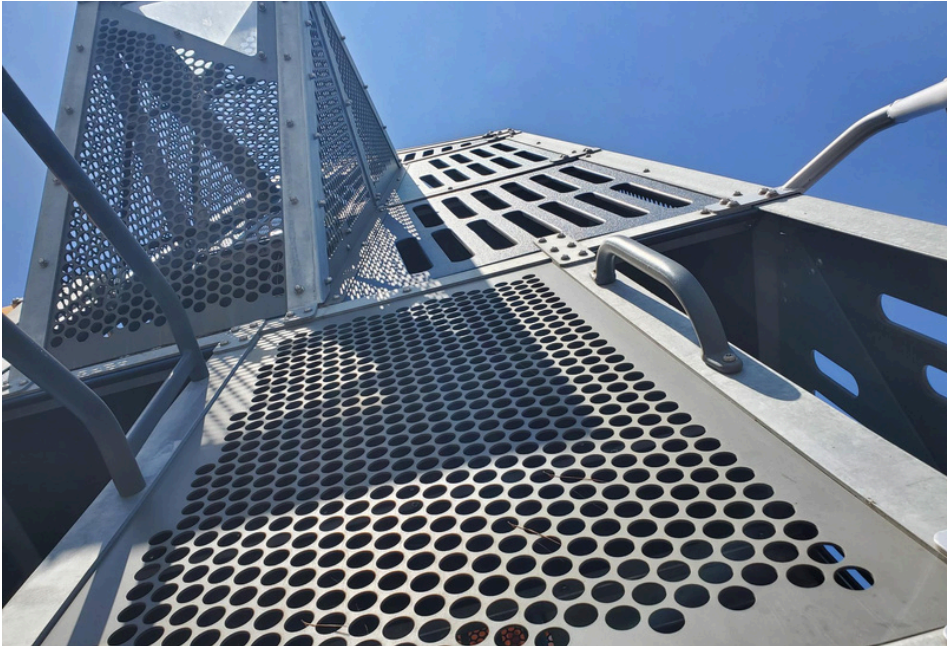


Accessibility for all is an important consideration when implementing a new CIP. This project has replaced non-compliant pedestrian paths with new accessibility-compliant concrete paths that connect all elements of the park. In addition, multiple types of play equipment were specifically selected to be inclusive of all physical abilities. One of the most notable accessible play equipment is the seated and secured zipline option.



Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Spotlight

To encourage a healthier and more active community, the CIP includes a large Adult Fitness area with equipment to pull, lift, stretch and improve the user's agility. Directly adjacent to the Adult Fitness area is a brand-new full basketball court. The basketball court is the perfect place for youth and adults alike to lace up their sneakers and play a pick-up game.



New safety lighting throughout the park makes the site more welcoming for the community to enjoy all the new park amenities after dark.



Project Highlights:

- 2-5 and 5-12 year old Playgrounds
- Shade sails
- Fitness Area
- Basketball court
- Safety Lighting
- ADA paths
- Re-surfaced Parking Lots
- Irrigation retrofit
- Landscaping



In summary, this CIP improves the site with state-of-the-art equipment and amenities for the South Bay Community. Come join us this August to celebrate the opening of the City's newest playground and improvements at Robert Egger South Bay Community Park.

AQUATICS

Junior Beach Guard Program



Junior Beach Guard Program - The San Diego Junior Lifeguard Program offers youth ages 9 through 17 an opportunity to learn from professional lifeguards.

-Prevent Drowning
Foundation of San Diego.

Parent Tot Water Safety Workshop



Parent Tot Water Safety Workshop at Kearny Mesa Pool - Pairs of parents and tots learned essential water safety skills while having fun together in Kearny Mesa Pool.

-Sponsored by CEK Foundation.



AQUATICS

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Camp Submerge



Camp Submerge at City Heights Pool – City Heights Pool is hosting this one-of-a-kind underwater and robotics camp where campers learn skills that combine hands-on science and engineering with essential water safety and swimming instruction.

-Sponsored by Price Philanthropies.

PRICE
PHILANTHROPIES



World's Largest Swim Lesson



The World's Largest Swim Lesson at Colina Del Sol Pool – The world's largest swimming lesson is a worldwide prevent drowning event. Countries around the world collaborate to spread lifesaving water safety and drowning prevention information. Please see the Rip Currents towels that were shared at this year's event.

-Sponsored by CEK Foundation.

SAFETY AND TRAINING

Safety Tip: Driving Safety



Did you know that most workplace vehicle accidents happen due to distractions and speeding? Here are three quick tips for safe driving:

- Eliminate Distractions: Avoid using your phone or eating while driving.
- Follow Speed Limits: Always obey posted speed limits and drive defensively.
- Check Your Vehicle: Inspect tires, brakes, and lights before hitting the road.

By staying alert and responsible, we can prevent accidents and ensure road safety!

*“Don’t be pushed around by the fears in your mind.
Be led by the dreams in your heart.”*

-Roy T. Bennett

Upcoming Trainings

August Training Schedule

Due Date Name

7/31/25 – Fee Calculator Application Training Due
8/01/25 – Heat Illness Prevention Tailgate Due
8/07/25 – Defensive Driving
8/14/25 – Career Advancement and Job Info Session
8/21/25 – Fact Finding Fundamentals - (Ridgehaven)
8/27/25 – New Employee Training
8/28/25 – Interview & Resume Workshop

Pre-register for all trainings in Success Factors.

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

NEW! Office Hours:

The Aero Drive training office is available for employees to complete SuccessFactors trainings on Mondays from 9 AM to 12 PM.

Employees must receive permission from their supervisor in advance and inform the training office by e-mailing @SDPR_Safety_and_Training.

*The Chromebooks in the training office will not allow employees to complete their timecards. Please plan accordingly.

ADMINISTRATION

Payroll Updaates



*Welcome
to the team!*

Our newest member to the payroll team but not the department. Meet Rea'Jah Wright!

*"There are no shortcuts to any
place worth going."*

-Beverly Sills

Volunteer and Intern Office Updates



Department Picture Contest

Congratulations to the Picture Contest's July winner, **Najja Lyon**, Senior Park Ranger.

Paid Intern Resources and Request Form

Please use [this link](#) to learn more about the new paid intern hiring process. Please use [this link](#) to access the Intern Supervisor Step-By-Step Guide. Please use [this link](#) to request a paid intern. For technical support with onboarding a paid intern, please contact WorkReadiness@sanidiego.gov. For more information on how to request a paid intern, please contact SDVolunteer@sanidiego.gov.

For more information on **Unpaid Internships**, **Volunteer Fingerprinting**, **Park Post submissions**, **CalFresh Volunteer Program**, and **Volunteer Maintenance Support** please email SDVolunteer@sanidiego.gov.

**July 2025
Contest Winner**

**Najja Lyon
Open Space**

Discretionary Time
awarded to winner.

NEW Department Picture contest

Capture the essence of Parks and Recreation.

Submit to SDVolunteer@sanidiego.gov.

Title submission: "Picture Contest"

Include full name, date, and division.

Due by 15th of each month.

Volunteer Links

[City Internship Program](#)

[Better Impact](#)

[Volunteer Page](#)

Helpful P&R Links

[CityNet](#)

[Personnel](#)

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City Job Links

[Open Jobs](#)

[Transfer Opportunities](#)

[Promotional Jobs
for City Employees Only](#)

PERSONNEL

Service Awards

Division	Name	Classification	Years of Service
CP I	Claudia Apodaca	Area Manager	35
OS	Bonaparte Baker	Grounds Maintenance Worker 2	20
CRS	Gerald Cunanan	Supervising Therapeutic Recreation Specialist	10
AS	Charles Daniels	Project Officer 2	25
Golf	Soksann Edwards	Golf Operations Assistant	5
OS	Jessica Gonzalez	Grounds Maintenance Manager	25
CRS	Deborah Hardesty	Recreation Leader 2 (Dance)	25
CP I	Amy Hobbs	Recreation Leader 1	25
MBSL	Thinh Huynh	Equipment Operator 2	25
CP II	Edgar Jimenez	Pool Guard 1	15
CP II	Nicole McNeil	Assistant Deputy Director	25
CMS	Hector Meza	Equipment Technician 2	25
CP I	Sigrid Schrandt	Recreation Leader 1	30



Promotions

Division	Name	Classification
CP II	Brandon Cosio	Recreation Leader 2
Golf	Adrian Garcia Renteria	Golf Course Greenskeeper
AS	Noah Johnson	Trainer
CP II	Tosh Knight	Swimming Pool Manager 3
OS	Raul Sanchez	Grounds Maintenance Manager
MBSL	Rafael Tovar-Sanchez	Grounds Maintenance Worker 3
CP II	Latoya White	Recreation Leader 2
AS	Reajah Wright	Payroll Specialist



LET'S CELEBRATE!

"Together, ordinary people can achieve extraordinary results."

-Becka Schoettle

PERSONNEL

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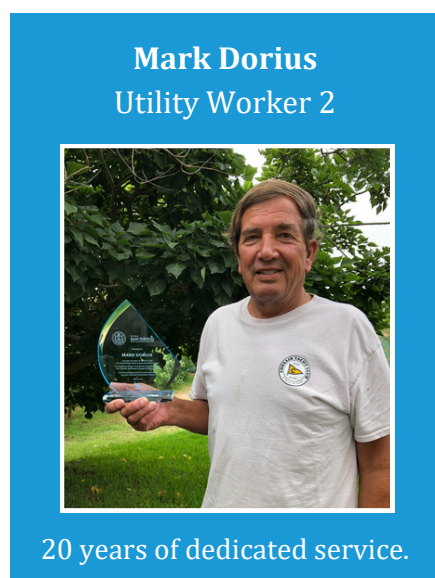
New Hires

Division	Name	Classification
MBSL	Kenia Astorga Mena	Grounds Maintenance Worker 1
CP II	Bryan Bai	Pool Guard 1
CRS	Emily Donahue	Therapeutic Recreation Leader
MBSL	Rene Echeverria Dominguez	Grounds Maintenance Worker 1
MBSL	Isaac Lira	Grounds Maintenance Worker 1
CP I	Asilia Maake	Recreation Leader 1
CRS	Jennifer Moff	Therapeutic Recreation Leader
MBSL	Sinatra Moore	Grounds Maintenance Worker 1
MBSL	Robert Myers	Grounds Maintenance Worker 1
MBSL	Edgar Nuñez	Grounds Maintenance Worker 1
CRS	Alexia Torees Kulek	Therapeutic Recreation Leader
CP II	Isabella Pimentel	Water Safety Instructor
MBSL	Luis Rivera-Bucio	Grounds Maintenance Worker 1
MBSL	Daniel Tasca	Grounds Maintenance Worker 1
CRS	Kristen Olson	Recreation Aide
CP I	Fouad Valente	Recreation Aide
MBSL	Francisco Velasquez	Grounds Maintenance Worker 1
MBSL	Yesenia Villegas	Grounds Maintenance Worker 1



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LATEST RETIREE

Division	Name	Classification	Years of Service
CMS	Mark Dorius	Utility Worker 2	20



We will miss you

REMEMBERANCE

In Memory of Kristy Wells

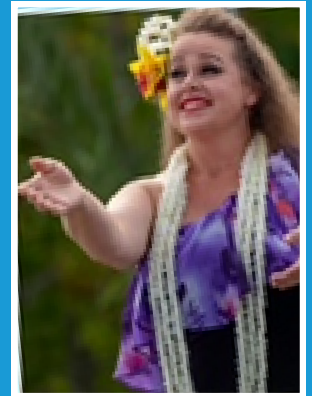
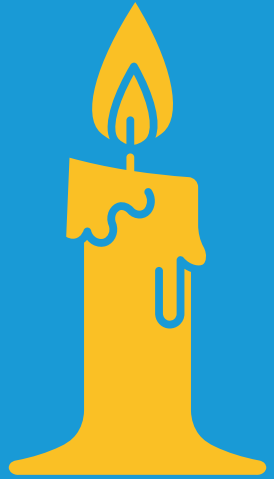


Dear Parks and Recreation Family -

It is with great sadness that we share that our colleague and friend Kristy Wells passed away after a long battle with a serious medical condition on June 25th, 2025. Ms. Wells was a long-time employee with the Parks and Recreation Department with her most recent assignment being a Recreation Center Director II at South Clairemont Recreation Center. Kristy was always full of energy and her love for life was reflected in her day-to-day work with the department.

In this time of sorrow, please keep Kristy's family in your thoughts and prayers.

-Steve Palle, Deputy Director



“What we have once enjoyed deeply we can never lose.
All that we love deeply becomes part of us.”

-Helen Keller



EMPLOYEE KUDOS

Employee of the Quarter: FY25 Fourth Quarter Winners

Alexander Byant
Recreation Leader 1



Community Parks I Division

Claudia Glenn
Assistant Center Director



Community Parks I Division

Victor Granados
Equipment Operator 1



Mission Bay Shoreline Division

Carly Levin
Account Clerk



Community Parks I Division

Jorge Lozano
Carpenter



Citywide Maintenance Division

Noel Masing
Grounds Maintenance Worker 2



Citywide Maintenance Division

Christopher McElroy
Swimming Pool Manager 3



Community Parks II Division

David Salonius
Grounds Maintenance Supervisor



Community Parks I Division

Jesus Viramontes
Equipment Operator 2

No photo available



Mission Bay Shoreline Division

To view the full description of the winners, please click [here](#).

<https://www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/general-info/employee-of-the-quarter>

EMPLOYEE KUDOS

Heart of Service Fourth Quarter Winners

Dan Allen

Golf Operations Assistant



Golf Division

Alexander Glenn

Park Ranger



Park Ranger Division

Jack Morales

Grounds Maintenance Worker 2



Mission Bay Shoreline Division

Aaron Murphy

Recreation Leader 1



Community Parks I Division

Derrick Ricci

Recreation Leader 1



Community Parks I Division

John Rivera

Recreation Aide



Community Parks II Division

Julian Trisby

Grounds Maintenance Worker 2



Mission Bay Shoreline Division

Maria Villarino

Grounds Maintenance Worker 2



Community Parks I Division

Zhou Xuejiao

Recreation Aide



Community Parks I Division

Non-City employees, to nominate an employee, please click [here](https://www.sandiego.gov/parks-and-recreation/heart-service-award).

<https://www.sandiego.gov/parks-and-recreation/heart-service-award>



AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

Second Annual Analysts Team Building and Networking Event

Activities will include HERO Making, and Analytical Team Building Exercises.



Date: Wednesday, August 20, 2025

Time: 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Where: Balboa Park Club Ballroom



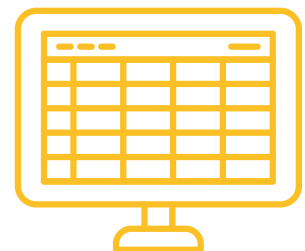
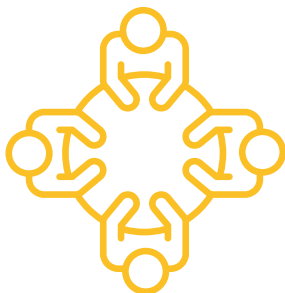
Registration through Success Factors beginning August 11, 2025.

Coming Soon!

More to come - watch for an email announcement from Martha Acosta.

“Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results.”

-Andrew Carnegie





AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

Community Parks I: Cleanup at Carmel Del Mar Joint Use Field



Community Parks I: Pee Wee Kickball at Nobel Recreation Center





AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

Citywide SPORTS: Cheer Committee Donations



The Cheer Committee recently received generous donations from both MEA and Lepe Tendwell Properties. These contributions will help offset the costs associated with two exciting special events: Cheer Night at Petco Park and the Cheer Clinic. Huge shout out to our local partners—thank you for your continued support!

-Submitted by Lacy Bradshaw,
Area Manager

Left: MEA Cheer Donation
Right: Voltaire Lepe Cheer Donation



Community Project at Lake Murray

Avery McEntee, a local high school student, took on a powerful community improvement project as part of a school assignment to “find something wrong and fix it.” Avery lives across the street from Lake Murray Community Park and noticed that two trees near the driveway exit had been knocked down and never replaced.



Taking initiative, Avery reached out to the Council District 7 Office, who connected her with Parks and Recreation. She then wrote a thoughtful letter to the Parks Foundation inquiring about any programs that donated trees. The Parks Foundation generously donated a Natchez Crape Myrtle tree for the project.

On Tuesday, July 15th, Avery planted the tree herself. A big thank you to Avery, the Parks Foundation, and our Navajo Area GMWs for supporting this inspiring act of community stewardship!

-Submitted by Lacy Bradshaw, Area Manager



AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

Open Space Division: Senior Walk at Chollas Lake

New for this summer, Chollas Lake along with Age-Well Services began hosting a Ranger led interpretive program designed for seniors and people with limited mobility. With the summer season in full swing the walk was held in the morning and featured a slower pace with minimal elevation gain. Participants were able to explore the Chollas Lake area and learn about a variety of subjects including local history, Kumeyaay ethnobotany, and the wildlife of Chollas Lake. Senior Park Ranger Najja Lyon conducted the walk on the Chollas Lake Loop and participants were able to encircle the entire lake, completing just about a mile of graded trail. Chollas Lake Park would like to thank Age-Well Services and congratulate all of the participants. We look forward to future Chollas Lake Senior Walks!

-Submitted by Najja Lyon, Senior Park Ranger



Chollas Lake Adventure Days

Chollas Lake Adventure Days held Mondays, July 7th – August 4th, have been a great success with positive feedback from participants and parents! Kids aged 9-12 enjoy archery, fishing, fort-building, crafts, science experiments, kayaking, hiking, snow cones, and a pizza party. All kids are sent home dirty and tired – as promised!

-Submitted by Lauren Baker, Recreation Center Director

Find out more at www.sdreconnect.com.

*“A successful team is a group of many
hands but of one mind.”*

-Bill Bethel



AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

Park Ranger Division: Cleanup at Presidio Park

Saturday, July 26th, Park Ranger, **Kyle Connors** hosted 27 volunteers at Presidio Park. The volunteers filled a 40-yard dumpster with leaf litter and pine needles around Cosoy Way and Fort Stockton. Volunteers also removed 29 pounds of trash and 5 pounds of recyclables. KUDOS to **Ranger Connors** and volunteers to help keep our parks a beautiful and safe place to recreate.



“No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.”

-Aesop

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

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

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

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THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!

