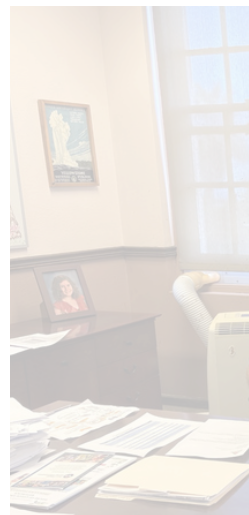


PARKS AND RECREATION PARK POST



June 2026

Parks and Recreation

BLACK FAMILY STATUE RESTORATION

San Diego's 'Black Family' Statue Returns Home



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Parks and Recreation's involvement in the Black Family Statue Restoration Project at Neal Petties Mountain View Community Park began nearly two years ago when the Cultural Affairs Department requested assistance with site improvements and accessibility enhancements surrounding the statue.

This multifaceted project required extensive coordination among several departments. Efforts included planning for a future Capital Improvement Project to provide ADA access in partnership with Engineering and Capital Projects, coordinating sidewalk, curb, and gutter improvements with the Transportation Department, and adapting in-house park designs in collaboration with Cultural Affairs.

*"It is not enough to be
compassionate - you must act."*
-The Dalai Lama

BLACK FAMILY STATUE RESTORATION

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San Diego's 'Black Family' Statue Returns Home

Citywide Maintenance Services (CMS), Community Parks II (CP II), and Asset Management (AM) worked closely with these departments to help ensure the project's success. Throughout the restoration process, CP II provided ongoing support to both Cultural Affairs and community stakeholders.

Following completion of the statue's restoration, CMS's Support Services partnered with the community, artist, fabricator, and Cultural Affairs to facilitate its installation. In collaboration with AM, CMS's Support Services constructed a dry-stacked boulder wall, stabilized a decomposed granite plaza area, and installed drought-tolerant landscaping. CMS's Irrigation team extended irrigation to the new plantings.



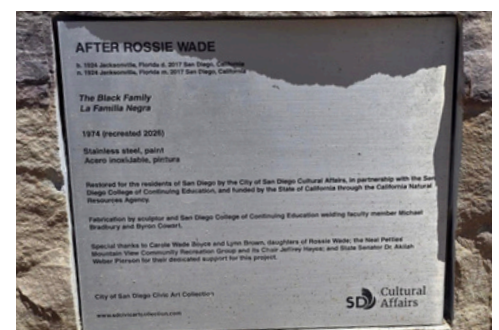
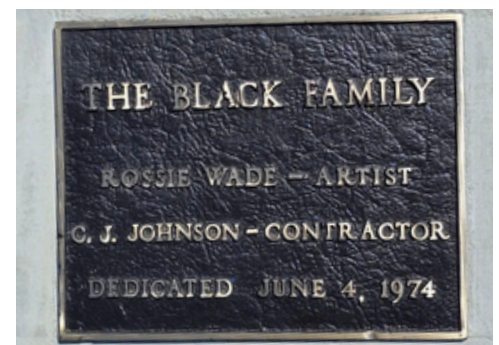
"Dreams don't work unless you do."

-John C. Maxwell, Author and Orator

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Article from [Inside San Diego](#) can be found here.

Article from [San Diego Union Tribune](#) is here.

Article from [Times of San Diego](#) is found here.

*“Love is the only force capable of transforming
an enemy into a friend.”*

-Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Civil Rights Leader, and Visionary

BLACK FAMILY STATUE RESTORATION

Continued

San Diego's 'Black Family' Statue Returns Home



"The man who is swimming against the stream knows the strength of it."

-Woodrow Wilson, 28th US President

NEAL PETTIES SIGN ENHANCEMENT

Neal Petties Mountain View Monument Sign



Demonstrating creativity and resourcefulness, CMS and CP II identified an opportunity to maximize project resources by completing an additional enhancement on the opposite end of the park. With assistance from Shoreline Parks, boulders were salvaged from Mission Bay and repurposed to create a natural decomposed granite terrace surrounding a new monument sign, complemented by drought-tolerant plantings.

Throughout the installation of both projects, community members frequently expressed appreciation for the teams' dedication and craftsmanship. These improvements not only celebrate an important cultural landmark but also create welcoming, sustainable public spaces that will be enjoyed by residents and visitors for years to come.



"The longer I live, the more beautiful life becomes."

-Frank Lloyd Wright, Pioneer of Organic Architecture

CITYWIDE RECREATION SERVICES

Summer 2026 Programs and Events



COME PLAY OUTSIDE PRESENTS:

PARKS ★AFTER DARK★

Parks After Dark is off to a great start and continues to build momentum. As of June 20, the program has brought 10,197 residents of all ages together through evening recreational activities, live entertainment, and community resources that strengthen neighborhood connections.



For more information, visit the City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department event calendar:
<https://www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/event-calendar>

CITYWIDE RECREATION SERVICES

Summer 2026 Programs and Events

2026 SUMMER MOVIES IN THE PARK

Movies in the Park continues to be a fun and memorable way to connect with the community and enjoy summer evenings under the stars.

Since its kick-off in late May, parks across the city have hosted 17 movie screenings, and counting!



★ Scan the QR code for full schedule or visit SummerMoviesinthePark.com ★

THE POWER OF PARKS AND RECREATION



July is Park and Recreation Month, a nationwide celebration recognizing the vital role parks, recreation programs, and dedicated professionals play in building strong, healthy and connected communities. Through this year's theme, "The Power Of", we will highlight the power of connection, play, and nature.

Join us this July as we celebrate the transformative power of parks and recreation!



NATIONAL RECREATION
AND PARK ASSOCIATION



2026 FREE SUMMER MEALS

JUNE 8 - JULY 31
MONDAY - FRIDAY



LOCATION	ADDRESS	MEAL TIMES
Adams Recreation Center	3491 Adams Ave. San Diego 92116	Breakfast: 9:00 – 10:00 am Lunch: 12:00 – 1:00 pm
Dolores Magdaleno “Memorial” Recreation Center	2902 Marcy Ave. San Diego 92113	Breakfast: 9:00 – 10:00 am Lunch: 12:00 – 1:00 pm
Encanto Recreation Center	6508 Wunderlin Ave. San Diego 92114	Breakfast: 9:00 – 10:00 am Lunch: 12:00 – 1:00 pm
Golden Hill Recreation Center	2600 Golf Course Drive San Diego 92102	Breakfast: 9:00 – 10:00 am Lunch: 12:00 – 1:00 pm
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center	6401 Skyline Drive San Diego 92114	Breakfast: 9:00 – 10:00 am Lunch: 12:00 – 1:00 pm
Mountain View Community Center	641 S. Boundary St. San Diego 92113	Breakfast: 9:00 – 10:00 am Lunch: 12:00 – 1:00 pm
North Park Recreation Center	4044 Idaho St. San Diego 92104	Breakfast: 9:00 – 10:00 am Lunch: 12:00 – 1:00 pm
Penn Athletic Field	2555 Dusk Drive San Diego 92139	Breakfast: 9:00 – 10:00 am Lunch: 12:00 – 1:00 pm
Skyline Hills Recreation Center	8285 Skyline Drive San Diego 92114	Breakfast: 9:00 – 10:00 am Lunch: 12:00 – 1:00 pm
Southcrest Recreation Center	4149 Newton Ave. San Diego 92113	Breakfast: 9:00 am – 10:00 am Lunch: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Stockton Recreation Center	330 32nd St. San Diego 92102	Breakfast: 9:00 – 10:00 am Lunch: 12:00 – 1:00 pm
City Heights Recreation Swim & Tennis Center	4380 Landis St. San Diego 92105	No Breakfast Lunch: 12:00 – 1:00 pm
Linda Vista Recreation Center	7064 Levant St. San Diego 92111	No Breakfast Lunch: 12:00 – 1:00 pm
Morley Field Sports Complex	2221 Morley Field Drive San Diego 92104	No Breakfast Lunch: 12:00 – 1:00 pm
North Clairemont Recreation Center	4421 Bannock Ave. San Diego 92117	No Breakfast Lunch: 12:00 – 1:00 pm
Paradise Hills Recreation Center	6610 Potomac St. San Diego 92139	No Breakfast Lunch: 12:00 – 1:00 pm
Serra Mesa Recreation Center	9020 Village Glen Drive San Diego 92123	No Breakfast Lunch: 12:00 – 1:00 pm
Willie Henderson Sports Complex	1035 S. 45th St. San Diego 92113	No Breakfast Lunch: 12:00 – 1:00 pm

***NOTE: OPEN TO CHILDREN AND TEENS (AGES 18 & UNDER)**
ALL SITES CLOSED ON 6/19 & 7/3

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT [HTTPS://WWW.SANDIEGOUNIFIED.ORG](https://www.sandiegounified.org) OR [CLICK HERE](#)

SAN DIEGO PARKS FOUNDATION

Black Family Statue



The Black Family Statue unveiling and Juneteenth Celebration took place at the Mt. View Park on June 13. This community-based art project in the Mountain View Community raised funds, lobbied political support and was proactive in bringing this art back to the community in the form of a permanent statue for the entire community to visit and appreciate. This was done in conjunction with a Juneteenth Celebration with over 500 attendees over the entire event.



Parks After Dark



This year, the Parks After Dark events will take place from June 5 through August 1. Events are held from 5-8 p.m. at City Heights, Memorial, Linda Vista, Skyline and Silver Wing Recreation Centers. For the month of June, total attendance reached 10,197, averaging 339 people per event. The events feature food, entertainment, activities, sports, inflatable, face painting, crafts, open swim, Feeding SD, music, community resources and much more for the entire family.

Citywide Soccer Tournament



The Citywide soccer tournament was held at Cesar Solis Park on June 5 and 6. This season, 86 teams participated in regular season play, and more than 1,500 people attended the two-day tournament. Over 50 teams advanced to postseason play across the pee-wee, U12, U14, and U17 divisions.

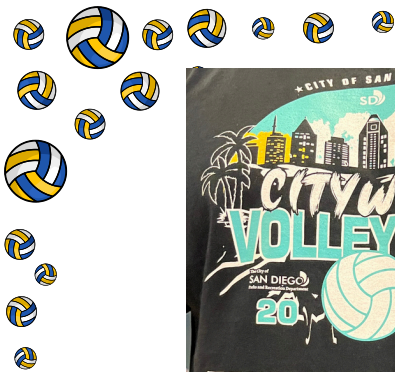


Nature Camp



Nature Camps are held at 14 Parks and Recreation locations from June 8 through Aug. 7. This week-long nature-based camp offers two field trips, a visit from the Humane Society, STEAM activities, crafts, games, lunch and wonderful interaction between campers and staff. Each camp welcomes 24 campers between the ages of six and 16.

Citywide Volleyball Tournament



The Citywide volleyball tournament took place at the Balboa Park Activity Center in June 2026. There were 111 teams participating this season in regular season play. Over 1,200 were in attendance over the two-day tournament. Over 50 teams advanced to postseason play between the pee-wee, U12, U14 and U17 age divisions.



Upcoming Events

- Movies in the Park enhancements (TBA)
- Citywide Softball
- Citywide Futsal



Click [here](#) to learn more about the San Diego Parks Foundation.

"Great things come from hard work and perserverance, no excuses."

-Kobe Bryant, Basketball Player

GOLF DIVISION

2026 Torrey Pines Adaptive Golf Championship



We also wish to acknowledge our long-time partners: Therapeutic Recreation Services, Challenged Athletes Federation (CAF), Torrey Pines Club Corp, The Lodge at Torrey Pines Lodge and the Disabled Advisory Council who helped put on this amazing event.

On May 5, 2026, the Torrey Pines Municipal Golf Course was proud to host nearly 50 adaptive golfers from around the country for the fourth annual Adaptive Golf Championship at Torrey Pines.

This year's event marked a record turnout in participants, making for an inspiring day of skill, sportsmanship, enthusiasm and friendly competition. The Adaptive Golf Championship at Torrey Pines provides a tournament setting for golfers who require adaptive assistance, from specialized equipment to specially-trained caddies. Course yardages and other modifications are set in accordance with the official rules from the [US Adaptive Golf Alliance \(USAGA\)](#).

The Golf Division sends a special thank you to the Torrey Pines Men's Golf Club who provided major funding to host the championship, as well as provide volunteers to assist with ball spotting and other duties to make the event truly special for the participants.



Photos and text taken from On The Tee - The Official Newsletter of the City of San Diego Golf Division.

Grand Opening of Harland Brewing at Mission Bay Golf Course



Burgers, beer and birdies — three things now available at Mission Bay Golf Course, thanks to the welcome addition of Harland Brewery to the list of attractions to visitors at Mission Bay.

On June 5, the partnership between Harland Brewery and Mission Bay Golf Course became official with a grand opening of “the Clubhouse,” which drew a crowd of over one hundred golfers and non-golfers, each equally excited to welcome Harland to the City of San Diego’s Golf Division. With great weather, live music and a spectacular turnout, Harland’s grand opening felt more like a coming home party.

Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner, Harland Brewery at Mission Bay is open daily from 7 a.m.-10 p.m. No tee time required! The Golf Division looks forward to a long and happy partnership with Harland Brewing. Stop by Mission Bay Golf Course and say “Hi” today!

“Success in this game depends less on strength of body than strength of mind and character.”
-Arnold Palmer, Professional Golfer and Beverage Namesake

ASSET MANAGEMENT

Reopening of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Pool



A ribbon cutting ceremony and community swim day helped celebrate the first phase of renovations to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Swimming Pool in South Encanto, with Councilmember Henry L. Foster III, Parks and Recreation Department leaders and other community partners in attendance. The pool reopened to the public on June 3, after being closed for upgrades since Nov. 2024.

Before its closure, the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Pool was one of the busier pools across the City's 16 aquatics facilities. The pool is adjacent to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parks and Recreation Center and once again will provide a space for community members to cool off, exercise, learn to swim, participate in fun activities and more.

"The reopening of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Pool is a big win for Southeastern San Diego and it's right on time for our families this summer," said Councilmember Henry L. Foster III. "This pool has served our community for generations, and these improvements ensure it can continue serving our kids, seniors and families for years to come. I am grateful to everyone who helped get this long-awaited project across the finish line."

Facility upgrades include pool deck resurfacing, flooring and window replacements and a new ADA lift has been ordered to improve swimmer accessibility. The City's General Services Department also installed a new roof and HVAC system, new doors and paint, interior and exterior lighting, plumbing features and new restroom lockers.

These upgrades mark the first major renovations to the facility since it opened in 1969. Additional upgrades are planned for the coming months, including new fencing, signage and pool equipment, but the pool can remain open while that work is completed.



ASSET MANAGEMENT

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Reopening of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Pool



“The re-opening of the Dr. Martin Martin Luther King Jr. Pool has been a long time coming and we are pleased to welcome the community back,” said Andy Field, Director, Parks and Recreation Department. “This renovation is an opportunity for us to share some of the great work our City team is capable of. Many City employees from across numerous departments worked on this project and we greatly appreciate their efforts.”

Major funding for the project came from a \$2 million State of California grant spearhead by Senator Dr. Akilah Weber Pierson. Additional funding supporting pool programming includes a \$410,000 HUD grant for aquatic and recreation programming secured by U.S. Representative, Sara Jacobs, \$40,000 from the CEK Foundation for recreation and swimming lesson programming this summer, \$20,000 from the Prevent Drowning Foundation of San Diego for swimming lessons, and \$20,000 from the American Red Cross.

In honor of the reopening of the facility, the CEK Foundation has sponsored Free Pool Days at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Pool this summer. Free admission passes are available at the pool for all ages to enjoy on Tuesdays-Saturday throughout June, and Fridays and Saturdays in July and August. The pool is also hosting recreational level youth water polo and swim teams, as well as swim lessons.

CIVIC DANCE ARTS

Civic Dance Wrapped Up the 80th Recital Season



Civic Dance Arts just wrapped up their 80th recital season with 11 shows featuring citywide dancers of all ages performing on the Casa del Prado Theater Stage in Balboa Park. Shows included Trolls, Boogie Fever, Fairies, Adults and this year's end of recital production "Head Over Heels".



CIVIC DANCE ARTS

Continued

Civic Dance Wrapped Up the 80th Recital Season



Above: The Chattanooga Choo Choo pre tappers posed in front of the Balboa Park mini railroad before the closing show on June 13.



DEPARTMENT PARK RANGERS

SeaWorld Rescue Facility Park Ranger Tour



In May, Shoreline, Mission Bay, and Citywide Park Rangers participated in an educational tour of the SeaWorld Rescue Facility. During the visit, Rangers met with SeaWorld's rescue team representatives and gained insight into the behind-the-scenes operations involved in marine mammal and shorebird rescue efforts.

SeaWorld.
RESCUE



*"The purpose of life is to contribute in some way
to making things better."*

-Robert F. Kennedy, Former US Attorney General

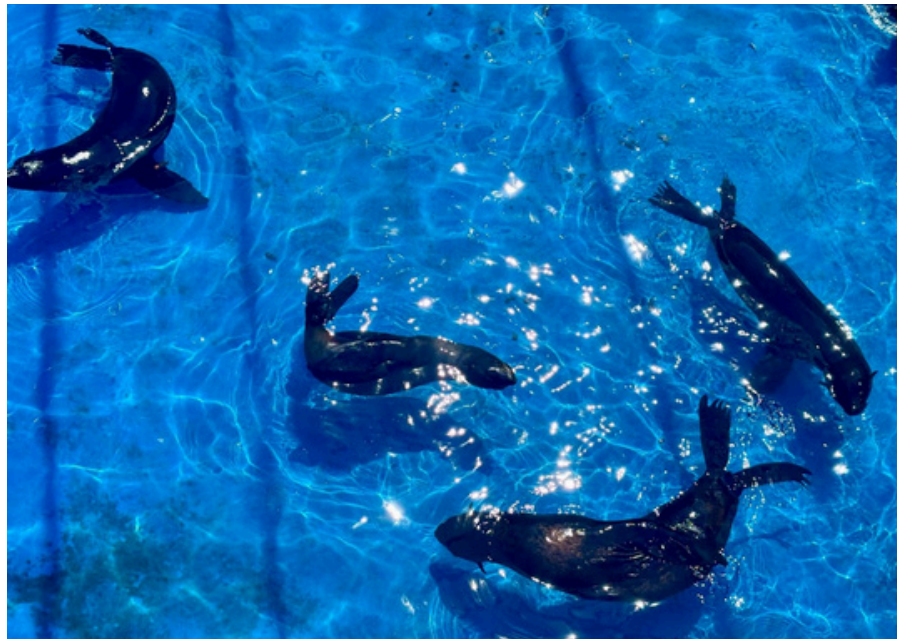
DEPARTMENT PARK RANGERS

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SeaWorld Rescue Facility Park Ranger Tour

Park Rangers regularly collaborate with SeaWorld's rescue team along San Diego's shoreline, particularly at Point La Jolla, to identify, monitor, and assist in the safe capture of injured or distressed marine mammals and shorebirds. Animals requiring care are transported to the rescue facility for rehabilitation and are later released back into their natural habitat once fully recovered.

The tour provided Rangers with a deeper understanding of the rehabilitation process and reinforced the importance of continued partnership in protecting local wildlife and coastal ecosystems.



Park Ranger All-Hands Meeting



All Park Rangers attended an All-Hands Meeting on June 17 to review their roles, responsibilities, and professional expectations within the Parks and Recreation Department. The meeting focused on reinforcing consistent communication, public interaction standards, resource management, and enforcement practices, while also addressing common misconceptions. It also clarified the scope and limitations of the Park Ranger role and emphasized appropriate field conduct, professionalism, sound decision-making, and teamwork.



“The nicest thing about teamwork is that you always have others on your side.”

-Margaret Carty, Former Director of Maryland Library Association

OPEN SPACE DIVISION

Park Rangers Support SDFD During Sorrento Mesa Fire Response



Park Rangers from several Ranger Districts played a critical role in supporting the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department during the recent Sorrento Mesa Fire. As SDFD crews worked to contain and control the wildfire, rangers assisted by quickly closing trails around the 90 acre fire perimeter to keep visitors out of harm's way and ensure responders had safe, unobstructed access.

Rangers coordinated across multiple access points in the preserve, providing real-time updates to incident command and helping redirect visitors to unaffected areas. Their rapid response and on-the-ground presence contributed to a smooth and efficient emergency operation.

The collaboration highlighted the strong partnership between City land management staff and emergency services, and it underscored the essential role park rangers play in public safety during wildfire season.



"A community is like a ship; everyone ought to be prepared to take the helm."
-Henrik Ibsen, Playwright

OPEN SPACE DIVISION

Continued

San Diego River Park's Watershed Enhancement Team



On May 29, The North Face and Citywide Park Rangers joined the San Diego River Park's Watershed Enhancement Team (WET) to remove 2,340 lbs. of trash from Mission Valley Preserve. The group's efforts were critical to improving the health and beauty of the San Diego River. Thank you and great work, everyone!



*"Growth is never by mere chance; it is the
result of forces working together."*

-James Cash Penney, Retail Pioneer

Tecolote Nature Center Hosts Canyon Connections Event



On June 6, more than 550 residents gathered at the Tecolote Canyon Natural Park and Nature Center for the park's largest-ever event, Canyon Connections. This free community event celebrated wildlife, native plants, sustainability, and our relationship to nature.



Canyon Connections brought together more than 30 community partners offering hands-on educational activities and opportunities to learn more about local wildlife and conservation efforts. Throughout the day, attendees of all ages enjoyed interacting with live animals, guided nature hikes, food, art, activities, and crafts. Guests met birds of prey, reptiles, insects, spiders, and native animals found throughout Tecolote Canyon. A live performance by a Native American flautist and a booth featuring art and jewelry created by a local Kumeyaay family highlighted the canyon's cultural history and its significance to the region's original inhabitants.



Events like Canyon Connections have been a beloved community tradition for years, but this year's event was especially meaningful as it welcomed visitors back to the Nature Center and reopened trails following an extended closure.

*"Great things are done by a series of
small things brought together."*

-Vincent van Gogh, Dutch Post-Impressionist Painter

MISSION BAY - SHORELINE PARKS DIVISION

Park Rangers Host Educational Table at La Jolla Cove



“When we heal the Earth, we heal ourselves.”

-David Orr, Environmentalist, Educator, and Author

BALBOA PARK DIVISION

Bring Your Kids to Work Day on June 17



BALBOA PARK DIVISION

Bring Your Kids to Work Day on June 17



BALBOA PARK DIVISION

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Bring Your Kids to Work Day on June 17



CITYWIDE SPORTS COMMITTEE

2026 Citywide Soccer Tournament

2026 Citywide Summer Sports

During the month of June, the City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department proudly hosted two outstanding Citywide Youth Sports Tournaments that brought together participants, families, staff, volunteers, and community partners from across the city. These events showcased the dedication, sportsmanship, and teamwork that make our youth sports programs so successful.



Citywide Soccer Tournament

June 5–6, 2026 | Cesar Solis Community Park

The Annual Citywide Soccer Tournament welcomed young athletes from throughout San Diego for two exciting days of competition, skill development, and community engagement. The tournament provided participants with a memorable experience while promoting teamwork, sportsmanship, and a love for the game.

The success of this event would not have been possible without the dedication and leadership of our Soccer Committee. Their countless hours of planning, coordination, and on-site support ensured a safe, organized, and enjoyable experience for all involved.

Soccer Tournament Champions

10U – Colina del Sol

12U – Golden Hill

14U – Park de la Cruz

17U – Colina del Sol

Soccer Tournament Finalists

10U – Larsen

12U – Willie Henderson Sports Complex

14U – Southcrest

17U – Silverwing



We extend our sincere gratitude to:

Enrique Duran, District Manager – District 42

Angel Contreras, Area Manager – District 43

Alissa Cordova, CDIII – CPI

Fernando Jumillas, CDIII – District 41

Domnique Key, ACD – District 41

Robert Tamayo, CDIII – District 43

Jose Duran, CDIII – District 41

2026 Citywide Volleyball Tournament



Citywide Volleyball Tournament

June 12–13, 2026 | Balboa Park Activity Center

The Balboa Park Activity Center was host to the Annual Citywide Volleyball Tournament. The energy throughout the facility was incredible as teams competed in a highly competitive and spirited environment. Athletes demonstrated exceptional determination, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout the event.

We are grateful to our Volleyball Committee, whose professionalism, attention to detail, and commitment to participant safety created a welcoming and first-class tournament experience for everyone in attendance.

Volleyball Tournament Champions

12U – South Bay

14U – Paradise Hills - Black

17U – Mountain View

Volleyball Tournament Finalists

12U – North Clairemont - Rise

14U – Ocean Air - Scuba

17U – Paradise Hills - Teal



Special thanks to:

Elixis Smith, CPII
Ahtthaijiri Bell, CPII
Belinda Fimbres, CPII
Tianna David, CPII
Jordan Raby, CPII
Denise Lamb, CPI



Special Appreciation

We would also like to express our sincere appreciation to the San Diego Parks Foundation for their generous support. Their contribution of quality officials and tournament resources helped elevate the experience for participants and spectators alike.

Most importantly, we thank all of the athletes, coaches, families, volunteers, officials, and Parks and Recreation staff who contributed their time, effort, and enthusiasm. These events are successful because of the collective commitment of everyone involved, and we are grateful for the positive impact each person made.

COMMUNITY PARKS I DIVISION

Elizabeth Rabbitt Neighborhood Park Pollinator Garden Project



“Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.”
-John F. Kennedy, 35th US President

Elizabeth Rabbitt Neighborhood Park Pollinator Garden Project

This letter is to recognize Community Parks I Employees' for their work on the Elizabeth Rabbitt Neighborhood Park Pollinator Garden Project.



Dear Steve,

I wanted to take a moment to follow up and share how pleased I am with how the pollinator project at Elizabeth Rabbitt Park has come together. It has truly been a positive experience, and I'm very grateful for the support of everyone involved from Parks and Recreation. The responsiveness and helpfulness of the team made a significant difference in bringing this project to life.

In particular, I want to recognize David Salenius. Every time I reached out, he responded promptly, offered practical solutions, and consistently followed through on whatever was needed. His support made a real impact, especially as the scope of the project turned out to be much larger than I initially anticipated. What began as a simple idea grew into something that required multiple volunteer efforts, and his reliability helped keep everything moving forward smoothly.

I also want to acknowledge Jesse, our local park worker, who has been equally supportive and accommodating with any requests. He has been a steady and reliable presence throughout the project and consistently ensures the park is well cared for.

Thank you again for your guidance and support in helping get this project started and for assisting me in navigating its successful completion.

I hope you will be able to get out and see how well it turned out. Thank you again for everything.

Warmly and with appreciation,

Wendy



Employees supporting this project:

Jaime Diez
Jesse Ortiz
Brennen Logan
Gabe Ryan
Michael Saldivar
David Salenius
Val Santiesteban

Pee Wee Sports at Nobel Recreation Center



COMMUNITY PARKS I DIVISION

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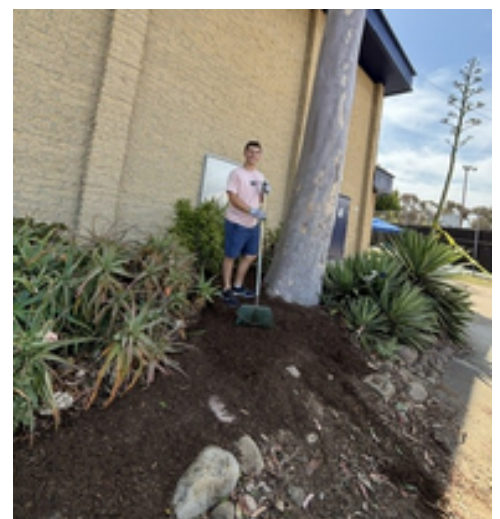
Movies in the Park at Rolling Hills Neighborhood Park



COMMUNITY PARKS I DIVISION

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Service Project at Standley Park and Recreation Center



COMMUNITY PARKS II DIVISION

Beautification Project at Dolores Magdaleno Memorial Park



On May 30, Parks and Recreation welcomed the San Diego Parks Foundation, Council District 8 and San Diego Football Club to the Memorial Park Recreation Center. This collaboration welcomed over 100 volunteers, including those from the USS Theodore Roosevelt, California Coast Credit Union, Memorial Little League, students and community members, to accomplish multiple tasks within the Memorial athletic field. Enhancement was completed on the playground, including a fresh coat of paint on the fence surrounding the playground, touch-up of the baseball bleachers and backstops, removal of weeds and debris surrounding the senior center, spreading of mulch throughout the large dog park and surrounding tree wells and litter abatement throughout the park.



COMMUNITY PARKS II DIVISION

Continued

Beautification Project at Dolores Magdaleno Memorial Park



CITYWIDE MAINTENANCE SERVICES DIVISION

CMS Support Services at Memorial Senior Center



Citywide Maintenance Services Support Services, AgeWell Services, and Asset Management collaborated to create an outdoor recreational space for senior citizens at Memorial Senior Center. The project aims to provide a safe, accessible, and engaging environment that promotes physical activity, social interaction, and overall well-being for all ages.



SAFETY AND TRAINING

Wildfire Smoke and Air Quality Safety



Did you know wildfire smoke can affect breathing even when it's barely visible? Here are three quick tips to protect yourself:

- Check the Air Quality Index (AQI): Look up air quality before starting outdoor work.
- Reduce Heavy Work: Slow down physical tasks when air quality is poor.
- Use Proper Masks: Wear approved protection if required.

By protecting your lungs, you stay healthy during smoke season.

“Self-care is not a luxury. It is a necessity.”

-Audre Lorde, Scholar, and Civil Rights Organizer

Upcoming Trainings

Training Schedule

Date	Name
7/14/26	- Fact Finding Fundamentals
7/16/26	- Family, Medical & Other Leave
7/16/26	- Basics of Labor Relations
8/12/26	- Park Ranger OC Spray Dept Instruction
8/12/26	- Basics of Labor Relations
8/12/26	- Fact Finding Fundamentals
8/13/26	- Employee Accountability
8/16/26	- Family, Medical & Other Leave
8/26/26	- Park Ranger OC Spray Dept Instruction

Due Dates:

5/29/26 - Workplace Violence Prevention
5/29/26 - Workplace Violence Prevention
Plan – Supervisory Training
5/29/26 - AI Policy Acknowledgement
5/29/26 - Records Management Awareness
7/31/26 – AED Liaison Refresher Tailgate



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

Office Hours:

The Aero Drive training office is available for employees to complete SuccessFactors trainings on Mondays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

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

[SDPR-
SafetyandTraining@sandiego.gov](mailto:SDPR-SafetyandTraining@sandiego.gov)

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

Pre-register for all trainings in Success Factors.

Extreme Heat Action Plan Survey



City Employees, review the [Extreme Heat Action Plan](#) here.

The [Community Survey](#) is now open!

The [San Diego Heat Risk Explorer](#) tool.

[Heat Data Summary](#)

We want to hear from you! The City of San Diego is developing an Extreme Heat Action Plan as part of a regional heat resilience project to develop plans, tools, and resources to keep communities cool during hot days. Please take a moment to share your personal experiences with heat waves through this brief survey. Feedback collected will help identify gaps and improve community cooling resources available during extreme heat events. The survey takes about 3-5 minutes to complete and is open to anyone who is living, working, or recreating in San Diego County. Thank you for helping us keep San Diego cool! Take the [survey](#) here.

Strategic Plan Priority Areas of Focus

This initiative focuses on the following priority areas of the [Strategic Plan](#):



Protect & Enrich Every Neighborhood

Plans for actions to reduce the effects of extreme heat that improve the lives of all San Diegans.



Champion Sustainability

Supports resilient communities in the face of extreme heat resulting from a changing climate.



Foster Regional Prosperity

Promotes regional prosperity by identifying extreme heat actions to minimize risk and increase community and climate resilience.



“What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.”

-Ralph Waldo Emerson, Father of American Transcendentalism

ADMINISTRATION

Payroll Reminders

- FY 2027 DL City and Floating Holiday will be available July 1, 2026.
- Mandatory Furlough will be available July 1, 2026, and added to leave buckets no later than July 13, 2026.
- Mandatory Furlough hours are separate from Voluntary Furlough hours.
- Voluntary Furlough must be used first before using DL Furlough.

*“Only a life lived for others is a
life worthwhile.”*

-Albert Einstein, Theoretical Physicist

Helpful P&R Links

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City Job Links

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Volunteer Office Community Engagement and Outreach

The Volunteer Office attended the San Diego Youth Summit hosted by the Office of Child and Youth Success to promote Parks and Recreation activities, events, and opportunities. This event is designed to provide an opportunity for youth (ages 15-24) in San Diego to build bridges with community and connect with resources while having fun in the park, learning and creating with peers.



Volunteer Links

[City Internship Program](#)

[Better Impact](#)

[Volunteer Page](#)

Invite the Volunteer Office to your Community Event by emailing SDVolunteer@sandiego.gov.

PERSONNEL

Service Awards

Division	Name	Classification	Years of Service
CP II	Jacob Batten	Pool Guard 1	5
Golf	Alejandro Benavidez	Golf Course Greenskeeper	5
CMS	Matthew Benoit	Grounds Maintenance Manager	25
MBSL	Eduardo Bojorquez	Equipment Operator 2	25
CP II	Max Carrizales	Pool Guard 2	5
CP II	Raul Contreras	Area Manager	45
CP II	Bridget Dermody	Pool Guard 2	5
CP I	Cristiana Donelli-Weaver	Recreation Leader 1	25
CP II	Daniel Dorantes Baeza	Swimming Pool Manager 3	10
CP I	Urbano Estoque	Grounds Maintenance Worker 3	30
AS	Andy Field	Parks & Recreation Director	30
CMS	David Gaspar	Equipment Technician 3	20
CP II	Laila Gomez-Esquivel	Pool Guard 2	5
Golf	Jorge Gonzalez Alvarado	Golf Course Greenskeeper	10
Golf	Douglas Haugen	Pesticide Applicator	10
Golf	Samson Kassa	Grounds Maintenance Worker 1	20
CP II	Melanie McElroy	Pool Guard 2	20
CP II	Sandra Montoya	Recreation Leader 1	35
Golf	Basilio Nacar	Pesticide Applicator	5
BP	Mike Nguyen	Supervising Management Analyst	10
Golf	Peter Nguyen	Golf Course Greenskeeper	5
CP II	Kelly Norwood	Recreation Leader 1	10
CP I	David Salonius	Grounds Maintenance Supervisor	30
CP II	Julie Sanchez	Recreation Leader 1	45
BP	Moises Torres Corral	Equipment Operator 1	10



PERSONNEL

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New Hires and Rehires

Division	Name	Classification
MBSL	Zuhair Al Wakaa	Grounds Maintenance Worker 1
CP II	Valeria Barrios Estrada	Pool Guard 1
CRS	Harrison Burkholder	Intern
MBSL	Ulysses Chet	Grounds Maintenance Worker 1
CP II	Rebecca Estrada	Pool Guard 1
CP II	Elian Estrada Gonzalez	Pool Guard 1
CP II	Adam Fitch	Pool Guard 1
MBSL	Naihm Garcia Vazquez	Grounds Maintenance Worker 1
CRS	Darianny Gomez	Intern
CRS	Angel Gomez	Intern
CRS	Jordyn Gresham	Intern
CRS	Allison Holmgren	Intern
MBSL	Jorge Lozano	Grounds Maintenance Worker 1
MBSL	Eduardo Meza	Grounds Maintenance Worker 1
CRS	Sofia Monteilh	Intern
MBSL	Samantha Nakata	Grounds Maintenance Worker 1
CP II	Mariana Nevarez Martinez	Pool Guard 1
CRS	Nazanin Pour Tabatabaei	Intern
CRS	Isabella Rocacorba	Intern
CRS	Luisa Solorio Palacios	Intern
CP II	Carlton Tafoya	Pool Guard 1
CRS	Rachael Tran	Intern
MBSL	Laura Uribe Franco	Grounds Maintenance Worker 1
MBSL	Kimberly Venegas Paez	Grounds Maintenance Worker 1
CRS	Jayla White	Intern
CRS	Elise Whitworth	Intern



Congratulations!

Promotions

Division	Name	Classification
Golf	Brian Guzman	Light Equipment Operator
CP II	Axel Pedroza	Swimming Pool Manager 1



PERSONNEL

Continued

Service Retirements

Division	Name	Classification	Years of Service
AS	Michelle Abella Shon	Assistant Deputy Director	30
CPI	Sharon Mackey	Grounds Maintenance Worker 2	24
CMS	Noel Masing	Grounds Maintenance Worker 2	25
PR	Michael Ruiz	Deputy Director	32

Michelle Abella-Shon
Assistant Deputy Director



30 years of dedicated service

Sharon Mackey
Grounds Maintenance Wrkr 2



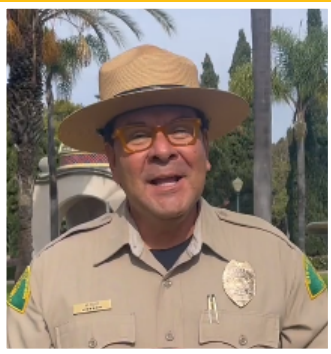
24 years of dedicated service

Noel Masing
Grounds Maintenance Wrkr 2



25 years of dedicated service

Michael Ruiz
Chief Park Ranger



32 years of dedicated service

We will miss you!



EMPLOYEE KUDOS

Letter of Appreciation to Azalea Recreation Center Staff

This letter is to recognize Recreation Leader 1, Marphany Gonzalez Clavijo and Recreation Leader 2, Xzaveon Alvarez, for their work with Youth Soccer and other programs.

Good afternoon Jorge ✨

I just wanted to send a quick thank you regarding the soccer program and your staff. Even though the older boys' group had to be canceled originally, I really appreciated that you still welcomed my son into the younger group and continued the practice even though the team didn't qualify for games duento size. My son Max looks forward to every Tuesday & Thursday after-school!

I also wanted to specifically recognize Xzaveon. He has been wonderful with the kids ! — always full of energy, engaged, encouraging, and respectful when guiding or redirecting them. The kids appreciate that he stays actively involved with and gives them his full positive attention. You can tell he genuinely cares, through feedback with my son or when ever I see them playing.

Marphany has also been very sweet!

With camp coming up, I just wanted to make sure positive feedback was passed along because staff members like them really make a difference.

Kindly 😊
Olga
(Max & Julie)

THANK YOU
SO MUCH



CityNet Spotlights Parks and Recreation

Employee Spotlight: Do you know Taylor?

Sign up to [Inside San Diego](#) to receive news updates from the City of San Diego.



Learn more about [Therapeutic Recreation Services](#).



The City of San Diego recognizes Therapeutic Recreation Specialist, Taylor Askil.



City employees, read the full article on [CityNet Spotlight](#).

EMPLOYEE KUDOS

CityNet Recognizes Parks and Recreation

Community Pool Back Open Just in Time for Summer Following Major Renovations

City employees, read the [full article](#).

Watch the [video](#).



Learn more about the [Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Pool](#).

Learn more about Parks and Recreation [Pools](#).

Learn more about aquatic [programing](#).

CityNet Spotlights Parks and Recreation

Employee Spotlight: Do you know Nico?

Golf Division's, Nico Sigala, is Recognized by the City of San Diego.



City Employees, read the full article on [CityNet](#).



Learn more about the City of San Diego's [Golf Division](#).



Learn more about [Torrey Pines Golf Course](#).

“Quality means doing it right when no one is looking.”

-Henry Ford, Industrialist and Visionary

EMPLOYEE KUDOS

Message of Appreciation to Park Ranger Jessica

This letter is to recognize Park Ranger Jessica Norton

Chloe's Owner Says:

"We are so grateful for the people who found our pet and took her to a shelter. Thank you!"

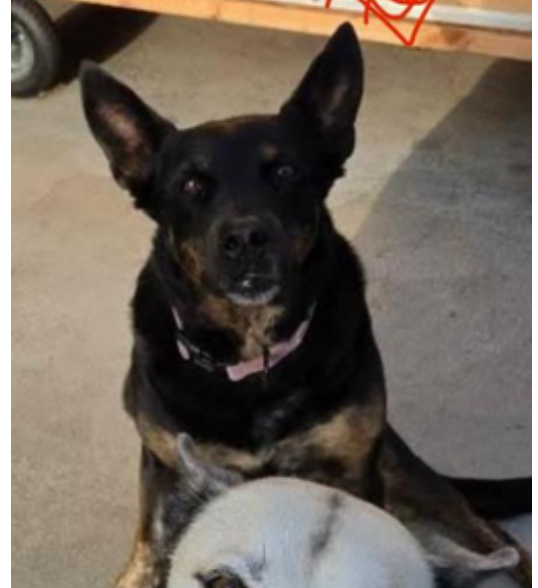
As her supervisor, I am writing this since the anonymous dog owner cannot be identified. If the owner knew that Ranger Jessica Norton was the one who rescued her family dog, I'm certain she would warmly and gratefully submit a Heart of Service nomination for Jessica.

On Memorial Day, May 25, 2026, during a period of severe staffing shortages across multiple agencies and facilities, Ranger Jessica Norton of Otay Valley Regional Park exemplified the true meaning of public service through her extraordinary compassion, persistence, and commitment to helping others.

At approximately 6:30 a.m., a loose dog arrived at the Ranger Station. Recognizing that the situation could involve a medical emergency or a distressed owner searching for their beloved pet, Ranger Jessica and her supervisor immediately began efforts to locate the owner and assess the situation. After determining there was no apparent emergency involving the owner within the park, she continued to pursue every possible avenue to reunite the dog with its family.

Throughout the day, Ranger Jessica contacted emergency veterinary clinics to locate a facility capable of scanning for a microchip, visited an animal shelter in Chula Vista seeking assistance and resources for the dog, and worked to minimize the animal's stress and anxiety while ensuring its safety. When local options were unable to help, she followed the guidance of veterinary staff and personally transported the dog to two separate emergency veterinary facilities in Mission Valley until she was finally able to secure a safe place for the animal to stay while efforts to locate the owner continued.

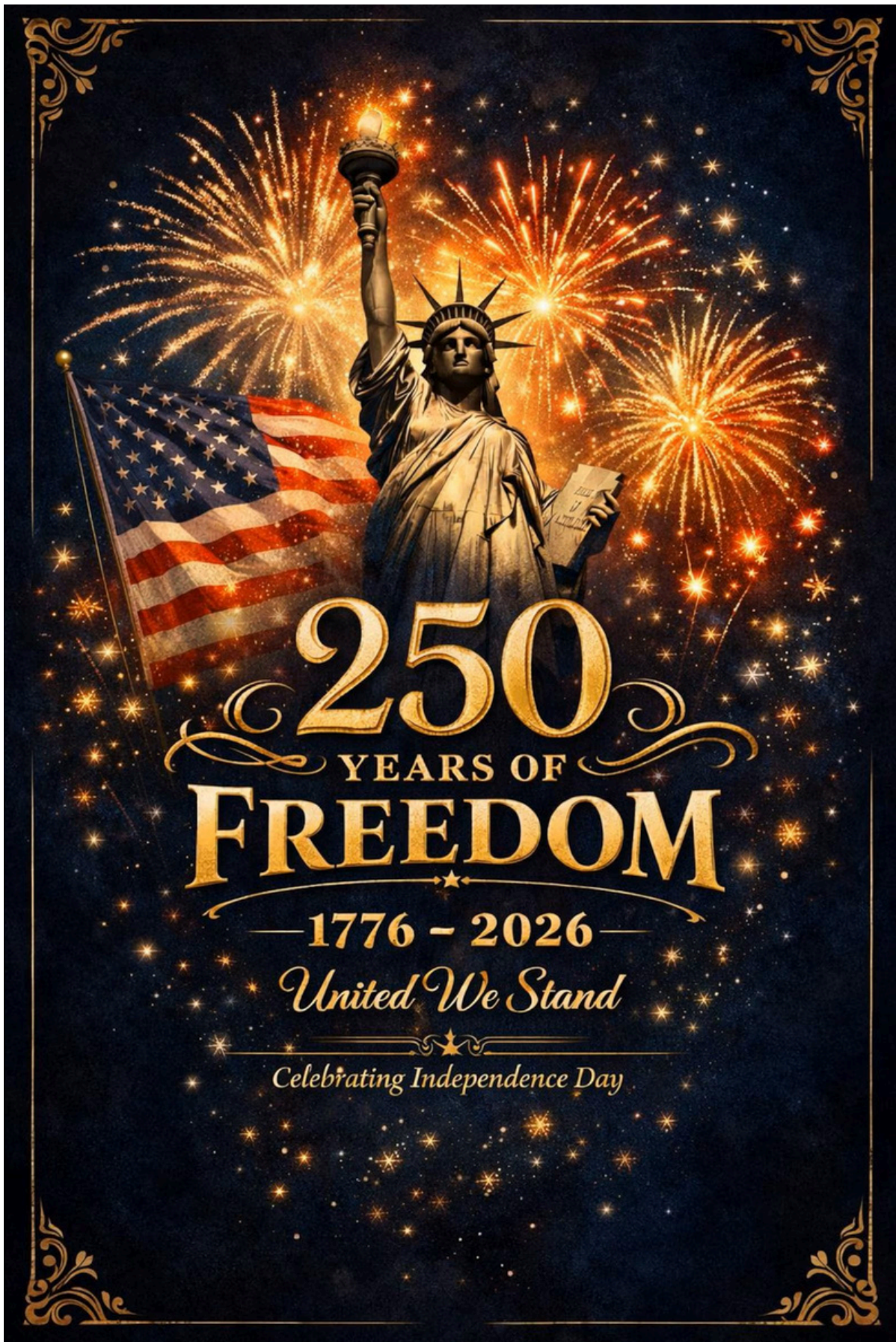
What makes this act especially deserving of recognition is that Ranger Jessica's commitment did not end when her work shift ended. She continued searching for information, monitoring community postings, responding to leads, and actively pursuing every opportunity to reunite the dog with its family. Her determination ultimately led to locating an online posting regarding the missing dog, allowing the family to be reunited with their beloved pet. Although we were unable to obtain the owner's direct contact information, the owner later posted the following message on PawBoost: "We are so grateful for the people who found our pet and took her to a shelter. Thank you!" I witnessed every step of this effort firsthand. What began as a routine encounter with a stray animal became an example of exceptional public service because Ranger Jessica refused to give up. Her countless attempts, personal investment of time, willingness to go beyond her assigned duties, and genuine concern for both the animal and the family demonstrate the very essence of the Heart of Service Award.



-Submitted by Senior Park Ranger, Mika Shimada-Cicirelli

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Have a Safe and Happy Semi-Quincentennial





AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

*Community Parks I Division:
Soccer Camp at South Clairemont Rec.*



Community Parks I Division: Chill Zone at South Clairemont Rec.



"The purpose of life is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experience."

-Eleanor Roosevelt, Former US First Lady and Human Rights Activist



AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

Community Parks I Division: Standley Park Celebrates Staff Member Graduation



The Standley Park and Recreation Center celebrates Recreation Leader, Jahleel Walker, for his High School Graduation. Congratulations on your success! Keep up the hard work as you chase your dreams.

Happy Birthday to the Parks and Recreation Director



Happy Birthday to Director, Andy Field. Wishing you a day filled with joy, laughter, and all your favorite things.

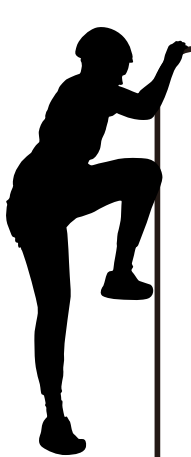




AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

Open Space Division: Injury Extraction at Mission Trails Regional Park

Senior Park Rangers Rob Wheeler and Julie Aeilts receive feedback after coordinating and assisting with an injury extraction at Mission Trails Regional Park climbing area. Great job getting out there and leading at Mission Trails Regional Park in this incident to assist with an extraction under difficult conditions. It is clear that your efforts and demeanor were greatly appreciated.



Hi Rangers,

I wanted to send a quick thank you for all your help this morning after my friend's climbing accident. We really appreciated your calm guidance, support, and willingness to jump in and help during a stressful situation.

As an update, he was diagnosed with two broken ribs and a broken foot. Thankfully, his injuries weren't more serious, and he's now receiving the care he needs.

Thank you again for everything you did today. Your professionalism, kindness, and quick response meant a lot to all of us.

Friend of injured

Thank you 

*"The reward of a thing well done is to
have done it."*

*-Ralph Waldo Emerson, Father of American
Transcendentalism*

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

How the Public Can Participate in Council Meetings

How to Participate in Council Meetings



Make your voice heard! The City Council values public input. The information below outlines how you can address the City Council and participate in your local government.

Look for a Meeting Date



Find a meeting date by reviewing the Legislative Calendar at sandiego.gov/legal. This shows you all the dates and times that the City Council meets to discuss important issues affecting your community.

Review the Agenda



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- Make note of the Item #'s that interest you.

Join the Conversation

Choose how you want to participate



12th floor of CAB In-person

- Fill out a speaker slip and submit to the Clerk.
- Must be submitted before public comment ends on item.



Organized Presentation Sign-up in Advance

- Groups of 2 or more **must** sign up in advance to speak at sandiego.gov/presentation
- Submissions must be received 24 hours prior to the meeting.



Online/Phone Remotely

- Join remotely via phone utilizing the info on the front cover of the agenda or online sandiego.gov/councilmtg
- Raise your hand when the item you are interested in is introduced by clicking the "raise your hand icon" or *9 via phone.
- You will hear *6 or see a prompt to unmute when it is your turn to speak.



Webform Write-In

- You may submit written comments and attachments at sandiego.gov/comment
- Submit at the latest 2 hours before the meeting starts.



Watch Online or on CityTV

Watch the City Council Meeting via CityTV on Ch 24 (Cox and Spectrum) and Ch 99 (ATT U-verse) or online at: sandiego.gov/CityTV

More information on how to participate can be found at sandiego.gov/participate

Non-Agenda Public Comment

If you don't see the topic you want to speak about on the agenda, you can share your comments during Non-Agenda Public Comment..

- Mondays: At the end of the 2:00 PM session
- Tuesdays: At the end of the 10:00 AM session

This is your opportunity to speak on items that are not listed on the agenda but are within the Council's authority.

Questions

Have questions or can't sign-up online? Contact the Office of the City Clerk at 619-533-4000 or via e-mail at cityclerk@sandiego.gov.



FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

How the Public Can Submit an Organized Presentation

How to Submit an Organized Presentation

SD Office of the City Clerk



Make your voice heard! The City Council values public input. The information below outlines how you can address the City Council and participate in your local government via an organized presentation. **SIGN UP AT** WWW.SANDIEGO.GOV/PRESENTATION

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Organized Presentation

A coordinated group presentation with a shared position.



Group 2 or more people

Individuals with a shared position may speak together or have a lead speaker(s) during a City Council Meeting for an allocated amount of time.



Presentation Materials Submit 2 hours in advance

- If a presentation (e.g. PPT, video, audio) is to be used it may be submitted along with the sign-up form.
- If not submitted it must be submitted via a follow-up link 2 hours in advance.



Lead Presenter Contact Person

- The lead presenter is the person we will coordinate with to ensure participation guidelines are shared with the group.
- They will acknowledge that all listed participants must be present, raise their hand using the submitted attendance method and identity when called, and that missing participants may result in reduced speaking time



Webform Submit 24 hours in advance

- A sign-up form for organized presentations must be submitted 24 hours in advance of the meeting.
- Form can be found at www.sandiego.gov/presentation



Monitor Meeting Be Prepared

- The order the agenda items will be taken can be found online at www.sandiego.gov/cc
- Monitor the meeting and be prepared to speak/raise your hand if you are in person or online.

PLEASE NOTE

- ✓ Organized Presentations will be taken first after Staff Presentations.
- ✓ All participants must be present (in person or virtually).
- ✓ All must raise their hand when called.
- ✓ Time given is the number of speakers in group x time allocated to the item per person as noted on the agenda. Maximum of 15 minutes.
- ✓ Missing participants may reduce total time.

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Information available in other languages :
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EMPLOYEE RESOURCES

Recreation Resources

Recreation Resource Websites

[CPRS Website](#)

[NRPA Website](#)

California Park & Recreation Society (CPRS)

7971 Freeport Boulevard,
Sacramento, CA 95832
Phone: 916-665-2777
Website: cprs.org



National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA)

PO B OX 530282
Atlanta, GA 30353-0282
Phone: 800-626-6772
Website: nrpa.org



Park Ranger Resources

Association of National Park Rangers (ANPR)

12675 N. Sunrise Shadow Drive
Marana, AZ 85658
Email: ask.a.ranger@anpr.org
Website: anpr.org



Park Ranger Association of California (PRAC)

PO Box 153
Stewarts Point, CA 95480
Phone: 707-844-3949
Website: calranger.org



Park Ranger Resource Websites

[ANPR website](#)

[PRAC website](#)

Aquatic Resources

Aquatic Resource Websites

[SDACC website](#)

[SCCPOA website](#)

San Diego Aquatics Center Council (SDACC)

Email: sdaqaticscenter.council@gmail.com
Website: sandiegoaquaticscenter.org

SAN DIEGO AQUATICS CENTER COUNCIL

Southern California Certified Pool Operator Association (SCCPOA)

Email: scppoa@outlook.com
Website: scppoa.org



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>

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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.



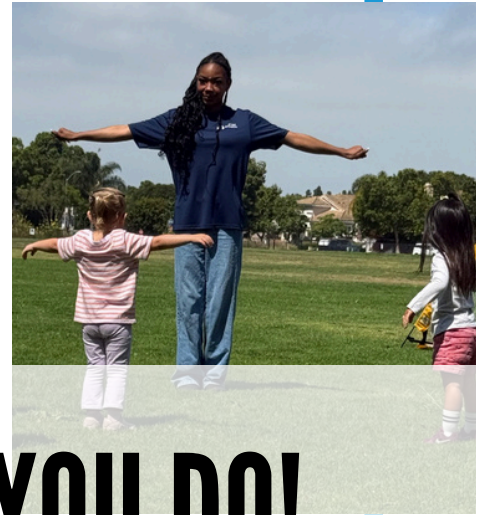
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THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!

