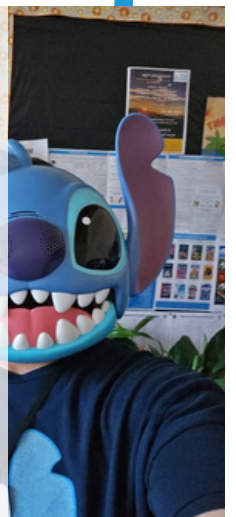


PARKS AND RECREATION

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July 2026

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National Park and Recreation Month



On July 14, Parks and Recreation staff and representatives from the San Diego Parks Foundation attended the San Diego City Council meeting for the presentation of the Mayor's proclamation to recognize July as National Park and Recreation Month. This proclamation celebrates the vital role parks and recreation play in building healthy, connected communities and recognizes the dedicated professionals who make that effort possible every day.

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"We rise by lifting others."
-Robert G. Ingersoll, American
Orator, Lawyer and Writer

National Park and Recreation Month



Long before the first child reaches a playground, the first jogger hits a trail or the first family claims a picnic table, Parks and Recreation employees are already hard at work.

They're opening recreation centers, inspecting playgrounds, preparing ballfields, caring for pools and getting San Diego's parks ready for another day. Most people never see that work. They simply enjoy the results.

This National Park and Recreation Month, the City is recognizing the dedicated employees who care for more than 500 parks, 14 miles of shoreline, 64 recreation centers, 16 pools, 13 skate parks and plazas, three golf courses and more than 43,000 acres of parkland, creating places where San Diegans can play, connect and enjoy the outdoors.



Summer is one of the busiest times of the year for the [Parks and Recreation Department](#). Parks across the city come alive through Parks After Dark, summer camps, the Summer Lunch Program and Movies in the Park, bringing neighborhoods together and creating memorable experiences for thousands of families.

National Park and Recreation Month



That work is strengthened by community partners like the [San Diego Parks Foundation](#), whose support helps expand programs, enhance parks and create volunteer opportunities across the city.

The celebration continued at the Parks After Dark event on Thursday, July 23, when Councilmember Sean Elo-Rivera joined Parks and Recreation staff and community members at City Heights Recreation Center to present the National Park and Recreation Month proclamation as part of the evening's festivities.



The next time you visit your neighborhood park, cool off at a City pool or enjoy a movie under the stars, remember the people who made it possible.

To learn more about City parks, recreation centers and upcoming programs and events, visit the [Parks and Recreation](#) webpage.



Learn more about the [San Diego Parks Foundation](#).

Review Parks and Recreation programming at [SDRecConnect.com](#).

Read the full article on [Inside San Diego](#).

Find your local community park on our [Park Map](#).

Review the [Event Calendar](#).

City employees, click here to read the article on [CityNet](#).

CITYWIDE RECREATION SERVICES

Thank You Parks and Recreation Employees

Providing a healthy, sustainable, and enriching environments for all is the Parks and Recreation Mission to the City of San Diego. However, it is not possible without the hard work from the Parks and Recreation Department employees. This proclamation is presented in recognition and appreciation for the efforts of all department employees.



THE POWER OF PARKS AND RECREATION



Thank you!



SAN DIEGO PARKS FOUNDATION

Parks After Dark

The Parks After Dark events were held June 5 through Aug. 1, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the City Heights, Memorial, Linda Vista, Skyline and Silver Wing Recreation Centers. Attendance through July 18, is over 25,000. The events feature food, sports, entertainment, activities, inflatable, face painting, crafts, open swim, Feeding SD, music, community resources and much more for the entire family. The backpack giveaway for the Skyline and Memorial Recreation Centers will be held on Aug. 1.



Nature Camp



Nature Camps were held at 14 locations from June 8 through Aug. 7. This weeklong 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 has 24 campers ages 6 to 16 years-old.



San Diego Soccer Star Attends PAD at Skyline Rec. Center



The local San Diego soccer legend, Hirving “Chucky” Lozano made an appearance at Skyline Recreation Center on July 23. This free event was open to the public as part of the City of San Diego’s Parks After Dark Summer Series in partnership with Verizon. During his time at the event, Chucky played soccer with the youth participants and signed autographs for nearly two hours. Over 400 participants attended the Skyline event that night.



Enhanced Teen Nite Events



TEEN NITE 2026





FRIDAY NIGHTS | 5:00-8:00 PM | JUNE 26-August 7, 2026

***No Teen Nite on July 3rd in observance of the holiday**

LOCATIONS:

- **Colina Del Sol Recreation Center**
5319 Orange Ave., 92115 - 619-235-1144
- **Encanto Recreation Center**
6508 Wundderlin Ave., 92114 - 619-527-3411
- **Golden Hill Recreation Center**
1600 Golf Course Dr., 92102 - 619-235-1138
- **Larsen Field Community Center**
455 Sycamore Dr., 92173- 619-424-0464
- **Linda Vista Recreation Center**
7064 Levant St., 92111- 858-573-1392
- **MLK Jr. Recreation Center**
6401 Skyline Dr., 92114- 619-527-3415
- **Mt. View Recreation Center**
641 South Boundary St., 92113- 619-527-3417
- **Penn Athletic Field Recreation Center**
2555 Dusk Dr., 92139- 619-527-3458
- **R.E. South Bay Recreation Center**
1885 Coronado Ave., 92154 - 619-424-0470
- **Southcrest Recreation Center**
4149 Newton Ave., 92113 - 619-527-3413

About the Program
Teen Nite is offered every Friday night for six weeks throughout the City of San Diego. All teens ages 12-17 are welcome to enjoy free activities, games, food, music, crafts, inflatables and more. Every site offers free WiFi and a safe place to nag out with friends.

What to Expect

- Free Activities & Games
- Food & Music
- Crafts & Inflatables
- Free WiFi

**10 RECREATION CENTERS
THROUGHOUT THE CITY
OF SAN DIEGO!**

For more information visit: www.sandiegoparksfoundation.org/come-play-outside/teen-nite

Enhanced Movies In the Park Events

San Diego Parks Foundation **SD Parks and Recreation**

Movies in the Park

Come out and enjoy some free movies with us!

The Minecraft Movie July 10th Golden Hill Recreation Center 2600 Golf Course Dr, 92102	Hoppers July 17th Mountain View Community Center 641 S Boundary St, 92113	The Spongebob Movie July 24th Presidio Recreation Center 2811 Jackson St, 92110	Hoppers July 30th Memorial Recreation Center 2902 Marcy Ave 92113
Wall-E July 31st San Carlos Community Park 6445 Lake Badin Ave, 92119	Sandlot August 4th City Heights Recreation Center 4380 Landis St 92105	GOAT August 7th Robert Egger Southbay Recreation Center 1885 Coronado Ave 92154	Ratatouille August 7th Azalea Recreation Center 2596 Violet St, 92105
Kung Fu Panda 4 August 14th Penn Athletic Field 2555 Dusk Dr., 92139	Hoppers August 21st MLK Recreation Center 6401 Skyline Dr, 92114	GOAT September 4th Willie Henderson Recreation Center 1035 45th St, 92113	Homeward Bound : The Incredible Journey September 9th North Park Recreation Center 4044 Idaho St 92104
COCO October 16th Golden Hill Recreation Center 2600 Golf Course Dr, 92102	movies begin at sunset <i>Come enjoy some popcorn & the jumper!!</i> <i>Bring a blanket or a chair!!</i>		

Upcoming Events

- Citywide Softball Tournament on Aug. 15 at the Silver Wing Recreation Center
- Citywide Futsal Tournament on Aug. 21 and 22 at Municipal Gymnasium

ASSET MANAGEMENT

Play All Day Partnership with San Diego Unified

As part of the Play All Day Partnership with San Diego Unified, four new or expanded joint use facilities have recently opened to the public or will open soon.

- Pacific View Leadership Elementary School. A new 3 acre facility is in the Paradise Hills Community, D4 and includes a multi-purpose natural grass turf field, asphalt walking track, off street parking, and shade trees.
- Pacific Beach Elementary School. An expanded 2.7 acre facility in the Pacific Beach Community, D1 that includes a new smaller upper multi-purpose natural grass turf field, DG walking track, basketball court, hardcourts and shade trees.



Pacific Beach Elementary School Joint Use Facility, 1234 Tourmaline St.



Rowan Elementary School Joint Use Facility, 1755 Rowan St.

- Holmes Elementary School. A new 3 acre facility in the Clairemont Community, D2 that includes a multi-purpose natural grass turf field, DG walking track, off street parking, and shade trees.
- Rowan Elementary School. A new 2.5 acre facility in the City Heights Community, D9 that includes a multi-purpose natural grass turf field, asphalt walking track, co-stripped basketball and pickleball courts, off-street parking and shade trees.

“Play is the answer to how anything new comes about.”

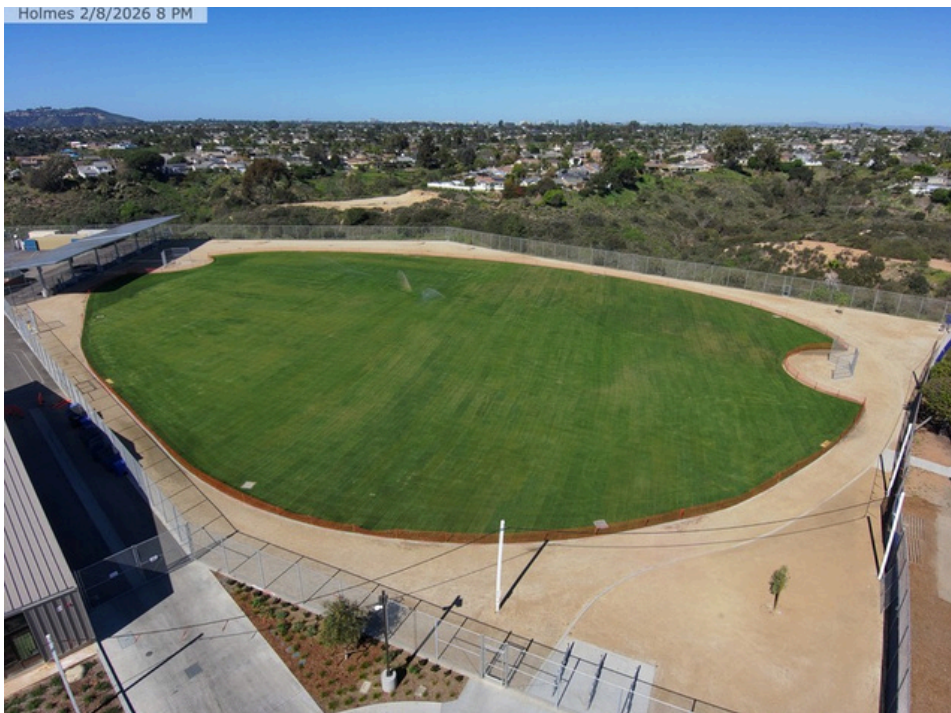
-Jean Piaget, Swiss Psychologist

Play All Day Partnership with San Diego Unified

The City has one of the largest and oldest joint use programs in the country, with the opening of these 4 new joint use facilities there will be a total of 110 joint use facilities providing over 450 acres of recreational park space with the City limits. The joint use program provides for the shared use of public facilities for the mutual benefit of students during school day and those same kids, their families and the general public after school, on weekends and holidays. The Joint Use Program fills an essential gap in the



Pacific View Leadership Elementary Joint Use Facility, 6196 Childs St.



Holmes Elementary School Joint Use Facility, 4902 Aratat Dr.

City's park system providing recreational field space in people's neighborhoods where they live. This is especially important in our older urbanized areas where there is little available land for new recreational fields. Since 2016 when the Play All Day Program was initiated, 36 new or upgraded joint use facilities were opened to the public increasing the joint use field acreage in the City by 45% with 140 acres of recreational field space. The design and construction of many of these new Play All Day joint use fields are 100% funded by San Diego Unified voter approved capital bond measures, but these new joint use field spaces wouldn't be possible without the

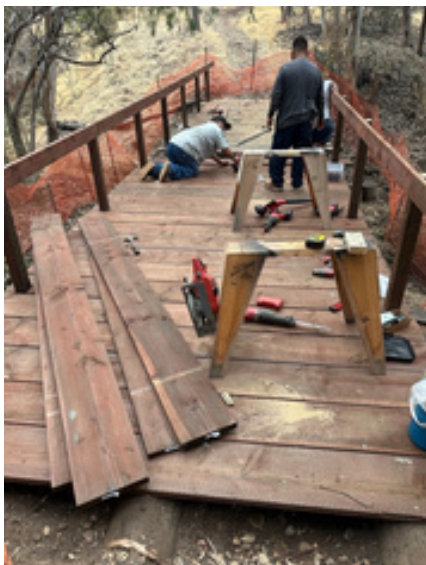
City's commitment to the long-term operation and maintenance of the irrigation and the turf grass. Every day Parks and Recreation staff do an amazing job maintaining these joint use facilities working directly with school staff to coordinate PE classes, special school events and security concerns which to put it mildly is no easy task. Our staff's efforts are greatly appreciated and do not go unnoticed!

CITYWIDE MAINTENANCE SERVICES DIVISION

Reinforcement of Pedestrian Trail Bridge in Scripps Ranch MAD



This project was completed by our Support Services Crew and involved inspecting and reconstructing an existing wooden pedestrian bridge by removing and replacing damaged boards, support beams and hardware. The goal and final resolution were to improve the safety, durability and stability while preserving the original design and structure. The new bridge will extend the lifespan, reduce future maintenance needs and injuries and also provide safer crossing for hikers, cyclists, joggers, and families using the trail along Pomerado Road. It will continue to encourage outdoor recreation, improves access to open space and natural areas, and supports the community for many years to come.



OPEN SPACE DIVISION

San Diego Canyonlands' Newsletter



On July 31, we celebrate World Ranger Day, a time to recognize the dedicated park rangers who steward our public lands and make our canyones welcoming places for all.

For years, Canyonlands has been prout to partner with the City of San Diego Open Space Division on community-based habitat restoration projects. This year, park rangers supported restoration efforts in City

Heights and Mission Hills Canyons by providing tools, native plants, and ongoing care for more than 300 plants. During San Diego Pollinator Week, Ranger Marlon (pictured above) joined Canyonlands volunteers to help plant 100 native plants in less than two hours! A great example of the hands-on collaboration that makes these projects possible.

The next time you're out enjoying San Diego's trails and open spaces, take a moment to thank a park ranger for their dedication and commitment to protecting out green spaces!



Photos and text taken from the San Diego Canyonlands monthly newsletter.



"There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about."

-Margaret J. Wheatley, Writer and Teacher

OPEN SPACE DIVISION

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San Diego River Park Foundation Newsletter



We want to send a huge thank you to Senior Park Ranger Tiffany Swiderski for her incredible work making a difference for the San Diego River as SDRPF's former Clean River Program Manager and now as our current partner as

the City of San Diego's Ranger for the San Diego River Park.



Tiffany has spent countless hours stewarding the River and helping people experiencing homelessness in the riverbed. We thank Ranger Tiffany and the City of San Diego for being an invaluable partner in creating a healthier San Diego River for wildlife and people!

Photo and text taken from the San Diego River Park Foundation newsletter.

OVRP Rangers Attend MSP Land Manager's Meeting



Otay Valley Regional Park (OVRP) Rangers attended the Management Strategic Plan (MSP) Land Managers Meeting, where they presented a 10-year management plan celebrating 10 years of wildlife protection and restoration efforts at Otay Valley Regional Park.

This quarterly meeting brings together regional conservationists and land stewards and is hosted by the San Diego Management and Monitoring Program (SDMMP).

The presentation highlighted restoration efforts that have benefited Burrowing Owls, Ridgway's Rails, Least Bell's Vireos, and Cactus Wrens, all of which make their home in the park.

OPEN SPACE DIVISION

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A Small Rescue with A Big Impact



A park visitor recently contacted Mission Trails Regional Park staff after discovering a small bat in a venerable location. Park Ranger Jesus Fuentes and Park Ranger Cristian Navarro responded to the call and carefully secured the bat using protective equipment, removing it from immediate danger.



Bats play an important role in the park's ecosystem, particularly by helping control insect populations. The rescue highlights the valuable role park visitors play in protecting wildlife by promptly reporting animals that may need assistance.

Visitors who encounter a bat or other animal that appears injured, distressed, or unusually exposed should maintain a safe distance avoid touching it, and notify park staff.

Thanks to the visitor's timely report and the Ranger's response, this small park resident received the assistance it needed. The encounter serves as a reminder that protecting our natural resources includes looking out for even the smallest members of the park community.



*"The universe is full of magic things, patiently
waiting for our wits to grow sharper."*

-Eden Phillpotts, English Writer

Restoration Training at Mission Trails Regional Park (MTRP)



The Natural History Museum and Mission Trails Rangers held a restoration training at Kumeyaay Lake Campground for a group of 50 community members. They started at the Mission Trails Nursery where one of our long-time volunteers, Terry, established a beautiful sanctuary for plants for our local restoration projects. Terry has been taking care of the nursery for over 35 years and counting. Terry is full of so much plant knowledge and is willing to share his knowledge with anyone that is interested in learning. He spoke about seed sourcing, propagation and sustainability with them, and they were able to ask him questions about the process. Park Rangers showcased some of the restoration sites in the campground, out in the Grasslands and vernal pool areas. Land stewards were able to observe real-world examples of ecological restoration outcomes, climate adaptation, and public access in a large-scale upland and riparian habitat system. Together, MTRP and The NAT shared habitat restoration strategies, management approaches, and planning practices to shape project priorities and facilitate future community-based restoration efforts. The training was a great success, and we are looking to offer it seasonally.



OPEN SPACE DIVISION

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Clean Up Event at Presidio Park



On July 25, Park Ranger, Kyle Connors, hosted 35 volunteers at Presidio Park. The volunteers filled a 40 yard dumpster and picked up 165 lbs. of trash.



BALBOA PARK DIVISION

SPORTs Camp at Morley Field



AQUATICS DISTRICT

World's Largest Swim Lesson



The City of San Diego's Parks and Recreation Department encouraged all 15 City pools to participate and were signed up to contribute to the World's Largest Swim Lesson. The World's Largest Swimming Lesson (WLSL) is a global drowning prevention event launched by the World Waterpark Association in 2010. During this event, organizations all over the world teach lessons together on one day, June 25, 2026. Some teach in pools like us, others in rivers, oceans, lakes, etc. We all follow the same curriculum from the World Waterpark Association.



AQUATICS DISTRICT

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World's Largest Swim Lesson - Allied Gardens Pool



Partner and News Social Media Coverage

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[Prevent Drownign Foundation - Facebook](#)

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World's Largest Swim Lesson - MLK Pool



AQUATICS DISTRICT

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World's Largest Swim Lesson - Bud Kearns Pool



World's Largest Swim Lesson - Carmel Valley Pool



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AQUATICS DISTRICT

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World's Largest Swim Lesson - Tierrasanta Community Pool



World's Largest Swim Lesson - Kearny Mesa Pool



AQUATICS DISTRICT

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Letter of Appreciation to Aquatics Programing

Dear Junior Guard Donors,

thank you



I wanted to take a moment to sincerely thank you for your generosity and for making it possible for my daughter, Vida, to participate in the San Diego Junior Lifeguard Program this summer.

Because of your support, the cost of the program, uniforms, and transportation has been covered through scholarships for children who participate in year-round City of San Diego swim programs. As a full-time working parent, I cannot fully express how grateful I am for this opportunity. It is a gift that will leave a lasting impact on our family.

Vida is 12 years old and is one of those kids who loves to do well. She swims year-round with the City Heights/MLK swim team, plays basketball, and serves as a student leader in her school's Ally Action Club, where she helps create a more welcoming and inclusive environment for her peers. She works extremely hard in school, gives her best in everything she does, and genuinely enjoys learning new things. As excited as she is about Junior Lifeguards, she's also a little nervous. Stepping into something new can be intimidating, but I know this experience will help her grow in ways that go beyond swimming. She is looking forward to learning new skills, building confidence, making new friends, and creating memories and experiences that she will carry with her for years to come.

As someone who works in education, I see every day how opportunities can change the direction of a child's life. Experiences like this help young people discover strengths they didn't know they had. They build confidence, responsibility, leadership, and a belief that they are capable of achieving great things.

Your generosity means more than simply covering the cost of a summer program. It tells children from communities like ours, including many Hispanic and Black families, that they are seen, valued, and worth investing in. Too often, talented and hardworking children miss out on opportunities simply because of financial barriers. Your support removes those barriers and opens doors that might have otherwise remained closed.

I truly believe that sometimes all it takes is one person believing in a child to change the course of their future. By investing in these young people, you are not only teaching water safety, you are also showing them that their dreams matter and that there are people in their community who believe in them.

Thank you for helping families like ours. Your kindness and generosity will have a ripple effect that extends far beyond this summer, and we will always be grateful for the opportunity you have given our daughter.

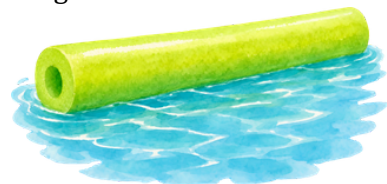
With heartfelt appreciation,
Isabel M



Memorial Pool Hands Only Mission CPR



Pool Manager and Swim and Polo Committee Member Tosh Knight taught the City Heights Swim Team and others Hands Only Mission CPR. This American Red Cross program aims to train as many people as possible how to respond to someone who collapses and shows no response, no signs of life, just giving CPR Compressions and making sure 911 is called. The idea is that if something happens to you, someone around you knows what to do. This was on Saturday, July 11th at the Memorial Swimming Pool.



AQUATICS DISTRICT

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Retired Employee Association Funded Junior Pool Guard Program



The Junior Guards at Dr. MLK Jr. Pool are taking off with 10 enrollees so far! The Junior Guard Program is funded by Retired Employee Association.



*"In every lap, there's a lesson: keep moving,
keep breathing, keep believing."*

-Unknown

COMMUNITY PARKS I DIVISION

Olive Grove Park Upgrades



Newly installed playground and recently redone basketball court in Olive Grove within the Clairemont community.



Volleyball Camp at North Clairemont Recreation Center



COMMUNITY PARKS I DIVISION

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Summer Camp at Linda Vista Recreation Center



Above: Linda Vista Campers on a field trip visiting Station 23. Thank You to the Firefighters who gave our campers a very cool water hose demonstration and let campers hop inside their fire trucks!

Below and Left: Art Week! Campers explored different art projects, learned new skills and proudly displayed their art at the end of camp week with an art show!



COMMUNITY PARKS I DIVISION

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Summer Camp at Linda Vista Recreation Center



Above and right: Under the Sea Week was full of ocean-inspired fun and adventure! Campers enjoyed creative crafts, exciting games, and hands-on activities, and don't forget the fun they had at the pool! Thank you to Kearny Mesa pool staff for hosting our campers each week! They had a blast!

Below and left: Our campers had a wonderful field trip to the Linda Vista Library, where they enjoyed learning, exploring, and participating in fun activities. A special thank-you to Mr. Luan and the Linda Vista Library team for welcoming us and making our visit so memorable!



COMMUNITY PARKS I DIVISION

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Summer Camp at Linda Vista Recreation Center



Above and right: Teen Nite gave local teens a fun and safe space to hang out, play games, enjoy music, and connect with friends. It was a great evening filled with positive energy, laughter, and community!

Below and left: Parks After Dark brought the community together for an evening of family-friendly fun, music, games, and activities. It was a great way for families and neighbors to enjoy the park, connect with one another, and make lasting summer memories.!



Glow Yoga at Pacific Beach Recreation Center



The Pacific Beach Recreation Center proudly hosted its very first Glow Yoga event in the gymnasium, transforming the space into a vibrant, high-energy atmosphere with black lights, bright colors, and fun, glowing vibes. The free community event was a tremendous success, drawing an enthusiastic crowd of participants of all ages and experience levels. Whether attendees were seasoned yogis or trying yoga for the first time, everyone enjoyed a unique and welcoming fitness experience. The overwhelming turnout and positive energy made the inaugural Glow Yoga event a memorable evening, and we look forward to hosting more community wellness events like this in the future.



Check out SDReconnect.com for future programming and events at the Pacific Beach Recreation Center.

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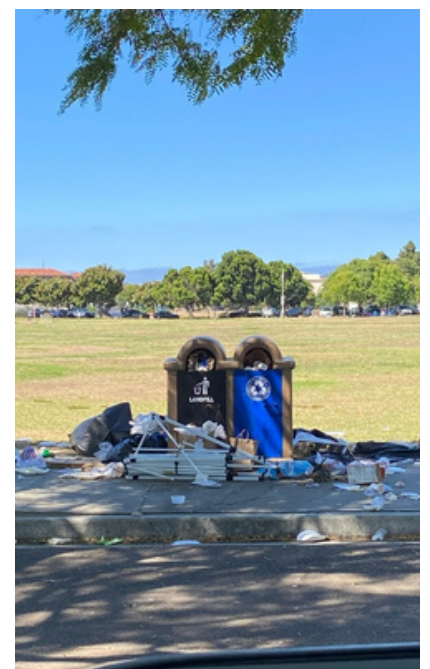
July 5 Cleanup at the Naval Training Center in Liberty Station



The 250th Independence Day celebration on July 4, left large amounts of trash and debris at the Naval Training Center (NTC) in Liberty Station. NTC is a popular spot for watching fireworks from Downtown, SeaWorld, and the Big Bay Boom in Mission Bay, drawing big crowds who gather to celebrate. Fortunately, the Point Loma community can rely on the Grounds Maintenance staff, who know exactly what the day after a major celebration means: it's time to clean our parks so they're ready for the next day's visitors.

On July 5, Grounds Maintenance Workers II, Jose Torres and Kevin Veasley, and Grounds Maintenance Supervisor Caitlan Shankles, arrived ready to get to work, and completed the NTC cleanup in 6.5 hours.

-Submitted by Caitlan Shankles



Tecolote Recreation Center



Above: The youth basketball program run by Recreation Leader, Tommy Giang, is helping kids hone their basketball skills.



Right: Grounds Maintenance Worker, Joe Alford, and a volunteer, are removing trash, weeds, and leaves from the playground.



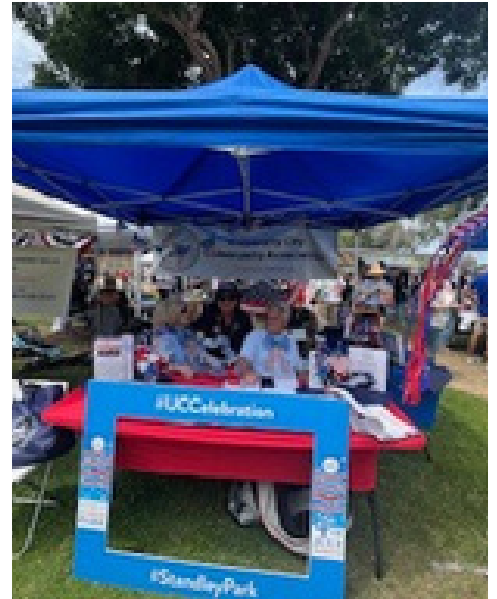
Below: The Tai Chi Moving for Better Balance Program is organized in collaboration with the County of San Diego.



*“Take care of your body. It’s the only
place you have to live.”*

-Jim Rohn, Author, and Motivational Speaker

Annual University City Celebration Event



Standley Community Park in the University City Area hosted the Annual UC Celebration organized by the University City Community Recreation Group. This event was attended by Kent Lee, Councilmember of Council District 6, the office of Senator Brian W. Jones, and other prominent members of the community. This annual event provides the community an opportunity to relax and celebrate the nation's birthday at their local community park.



COMMUNITY PARKS I DIVISION

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New Programing at Standley Park and Recreation Center



The Standley Recreation Center welcomes new programs hosted by Recreation Leaders, Eugene Marble and Jahleel Walker. Thank you, Eugene and Jahleel, for your dedication to creating fun and engaging opportunities for our kids!

Left: Jahleel launched Saturday Lego Club. It was a promising start to the club with 25 registered participants.

Middle Row: Eugene recently started a new Basketball Clinic, and the kids absolutely love it!



Free Community Sports Day at South Clairemont Rec. Center



COMMUNITY PARKS II DIVISION

Mulch Project at Montgomery Waller Community Park



On June 27, Parks and Recreation Department's maintenance staff collaborated with San Diego Football Club (SDFC) volunteers to spread 120 yards of mulch at Montgomery Waller Community Park and Recreation Center. The spreading of mulch is beneficial to retain moisture for trees and plants, suppressing weeds, improved soil health, erosion control and it looks nicer for the community. The event was a success and the park staff have already received multiple compliments from the community. The department looks forward to continued collaboration with SDFC.



COMMUNITY PARKS II DIVISION

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Mulch Project at Montgomery Waller Community Park



THERAPEUTIC RECREATION SERVICES

Camp By the Bay



Therapeutic Recreation Services' Camp by the Bay welcomes campers ages 13 years-old to adult, with any disability, to experience adaptive water activities, crafts and more. This summer, 53 participants attended camp.



THERAPEUTIC RECREATION SERVICES

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Camp By the Bay



THERAPEUTIC RECREATION SERVICES

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Camp By the Bay



AGEWELL SERVICES

Three Day Summer Camp



AgeWell Services hosted a three day Summer camp. On day one was a Balboa Park Walking Tour with 20 participants. Images are shown above and left.

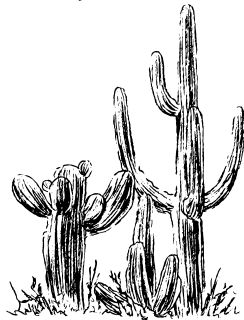
On day two, 9 participants visited the Stadium Golf Driving Range. Images are shown to the right and below.



Three Day Summer Camp



On day three of the camp, 20 participants visited the Olaf Wieghorst Museum in El Cajon.

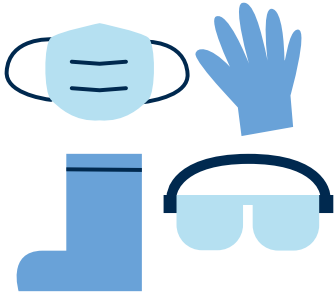


“You don’t stop laughing because you grow old. You grow old because you stop laughing.”

-Michael Pritchard, Comedian and former Youth Counselor

SAFETY AND TRAINING

Personal Protective Equipment (PPD) Safety



Did you know that most minor workplace injuries could be prevented with simple PPE? Here are three quick tips to stay protected:

- Wear the Right Gear: Gloves, goggles, and hearing protection make a big difference.
- Replace Damaged PPE: Never “just deal with it.”
- Store PPE Properly: Keep it clean and ready for the next task.

By using PPE correctly, we reduce injuries and improve safety.

“Before anything else, preparation is the key to success.”

-Alexander Graham Bell, Inventor

Upcoming Trainings

Training Schedule

Date	Name
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8/12/26	– Park Ranger OC Spray Dept Instruction
8/13/26	– Annual Pesticide Training
8/18/26	– Permitting and Fee Schedule
8/19/26	– Permitting and Fee Schedule
8/26/26	– Park Ranger OC Spray Dept Instruction
9/01/26	– Recreation Center Fund (RCF) Training
9/02/26	– Recreation Center Fund (RCF) Training

Due Dates:

7/01/26	– FY26 Required Trainings (See Email)
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

*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



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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](#)

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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.



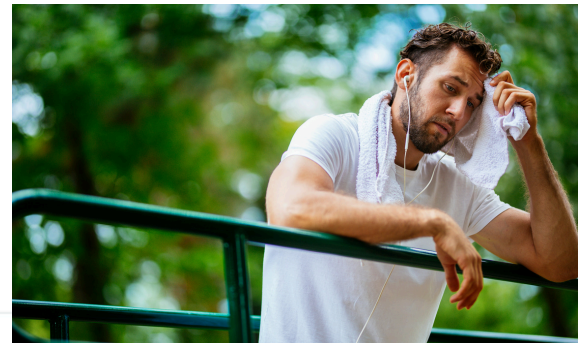
Champion Sustainability

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.

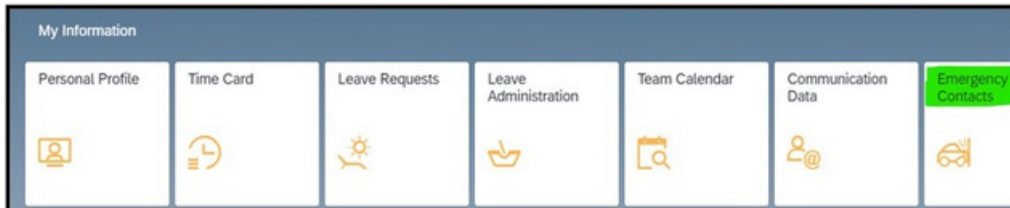


ADMINISTRATION

Payroll Reminders

Employees will be required to provide their emergency contact information to be used for emergency purposes.

To update this information, go to the SAP Portal, select “My Information,” open the “Emergency Contacts” tile, and choose “Edit.” Be sure to save your changes before exiting. You will receive a confirmation email once your information has been successfully updated.



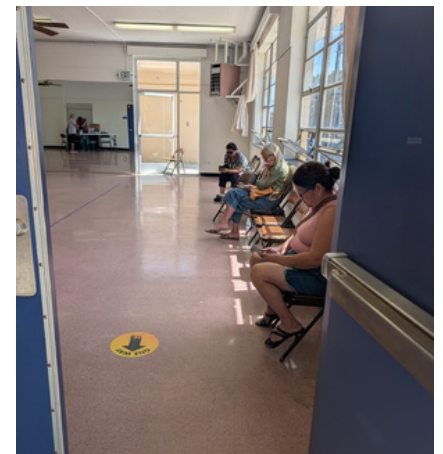
EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE REVIEWS

Reminder to supervisor's to submit a copy to Payroll for placement into the employee's payroll file. Payroll does not have access to the EPR's in Success Factors.

Volunteer Office

Community Engagement and Outreach

The Volunteer Office hosted a One Stop Shop Volunteer Fingerprinting event at the Pacific Beach Recreation Center. Fourteen volunteers completed the paperwork and were processed for a background check. Once cleared, they will support the local recreation centers and libraries with programing and events.



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 Links

[City Internship Program](#)

[Better Impact](#)

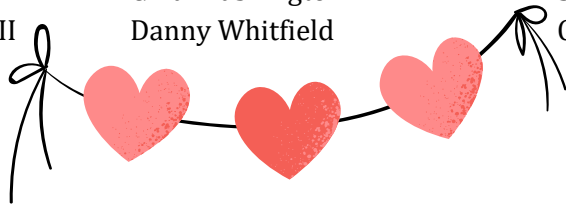
[Volunteer Page](#)

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

PERSONNEL

Service Awards

Division	Name	Classification	Years of Service
CP I	Franklin Aytes	Recreation Leader 1	5
CP II	Zachariah Barclay	Pool Guard 2	5
CP II	Elizabeth Becker	Pool Guard 2	5
CP II	Vesta Biganeh	Pool Guard 2	20
CP II	Valentin Briones	Grounds Maintenance Worker 2	5
CP II	Leonardo Carmona	Pool Guard 2	5
MBSL	Armando Diaz	Utility Worker 2	5
CP II	Jason Esquivel	Pool Guard 2	5
MBSL	Felipe Flores	Grounds Maintenance Worker 2	5
CP II	Arnulfo Gonzalez Alonso	Grounds Maintenance Worker 3	5
CP II	Ryan Henry	Pool Guard 2	5
CP II	Colby Johnson	Recreation Leader 1	5
CP II	Tosh Knight	Swimming Pool Manager 3	10
CMS	Larry Mar	Grounds Maintenance Worker 2	5
CP I	Jose Martinez	Grounds Maintenance Supervisor	10
OS	Gina Washington	Senior Park Ranger	25
CP II	Danny Whitfield	Grounds Maintenance Worker 2	45



*Couldnt
have done it
without you!*

New Hires and Rehires

Division	Name	Classification
MBSL	Briana Barber	Grounds Maintenance Worker 1
CRS	Andrea Cavazos	Therapeutic Recreation Leader
CP II	Justin Chatigny	Pool Guard 1
MBSL	Michael Davey	Grounds Maintenance Worker 1
CP II	Miles Elliot	Pool Guard 1
CP II	Genesis Garcia Lara	Intern
MBSL	Johnathan Green	Grounds Maintenance Worker 1
CP II	Aliaksei Kirylau	Pool Guard 1
CP II	Mitchell Klich	Pool Guard 1
CRS	Brianna Lopez	Intern
MBSL	George Luna Blas	Grounds Maintenance Worker 1
CP I	Mia Martinez	Recreation Leader 1
MBSL	Lorenzo Miller	Grounds Maintenance Worker 1
MBSL	Carlos Ramos Rosales	Grounds Maintenance Worker 1
CRS	Darryl Rawls	Therapeutic Recreation Leader
CP II	Brodyn Rice	Pool Guard 1
CP I	Jennifer Rivers	Recreation Leader 1



PERSONNEL

Continued

Promotions

Division	Name	Classification
CP I	Lucille Braunschweig	Recreation Leader 1
CP I	Caleb Crider	Recreation Leader 1
CP I	Tommy Giang	Recreation Leader 1
CP I	Thomas Luhta	Recreation Leader 1
CP I	Jarrid Martin	Recreation Leader 1
CP II	Justin Vu	Pool Guard 1



Service Retirements

Division	Name	Classification	Years of Service
OS	Pam Jordan	Supervising Management Analyst	40
CP I	Robert Reiter	Grounds Maintenance Worker 2	28

Pam Jordan

Supervising Management Analyst



40 years of dedicated service

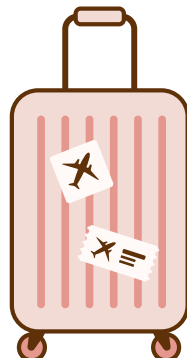


Robert Reiter

Grounds Maintenance Worker 2



28 years of dedicated service



EMPLOYEE KUDOS

FY26 Fourth Quarter - Employee of the Quarter

Adriana Arias
Payroll Specialist 2



Golf

Frank Carriedo
Grounds Maintenance Manager



Citywide Maintenance Services

Cody Dilloway
Pool Guard 2



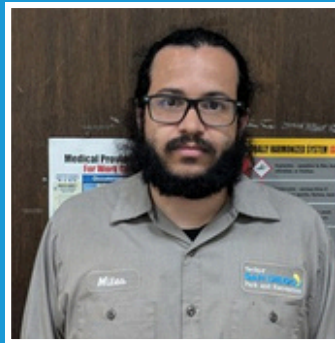
Community Parks I / Aquatics

Tyler Harris
Recreation Leader 2



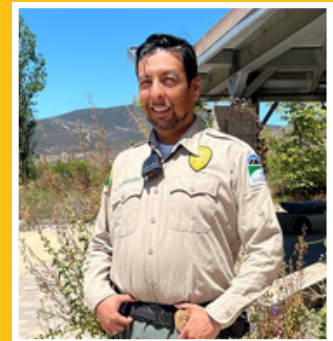
Citywide Recreation Services

Miles Johnson
Custodian 2



Balboa Park

Cristian Navarro
Park Ranger



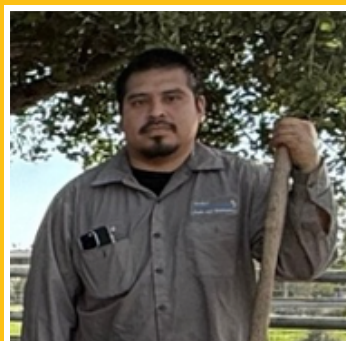
Open Space

Robert Pino
Irrigation Specialist



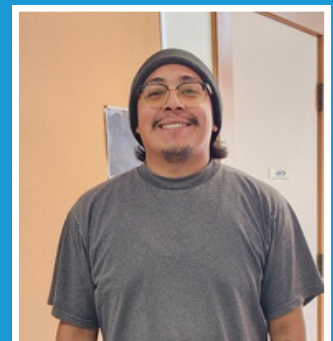
Golf

Michael Saldivar
Grounds Maintenance Worker 2



Community Parks I

Francisco Velasquez
Grounds Maintenance Worker 2



Balboa Park

EMPLOYEE KUDOS

FY26 Fourth Quarter - Heart of Service Winners

Patrick Ball
Recreation Leader 2



Citywide Recreation Services

Heidi Couture
Park Ranger



Open Space

Enrique Duran Jr.
Grounds Maintenance Worker 2



Community Parks II

Shawn Hamilton
Grounds Maintenance Worker 2



Mission Bay / Shoreline Parks

John Hernandez
Grounds Maintenance Worker 2



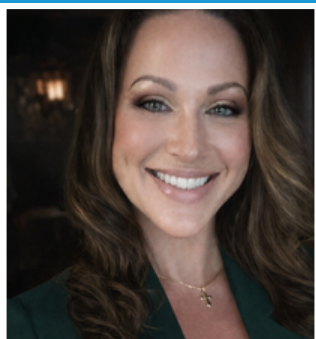
Mission Bay / Shoreline Parks

Jacob Kelley
Grounds Maintenance Worker 2



Mission Bay / Shoreline Parks

Kimberly Sais
Grounds Maintenance Manager



Balboa Park

Alexia Torres Kulek
Therapeutic Recreation Leader



Citywide Recreation Services

Congratulations



EMPLOYEE KUDOS

Letter of Appreciation

This letter is to appreciate the efforts of Maria Villarino, Grounds Maintenance Worker 2



Dear Ira,

I am a 72-year-old resident of San Diego county and several of us try to assemble every Monday and Friday morning at the Linda Vista Pickleball Court. The court is in great repair, and the staff is always willing to help if we need anything. We have become particularly fond of Maria Villarino. She is always busy, hard-working, and always willing help us out e.g.: grabbing a blower to help us out if the court is wet. She's amazing and you (and WE) are really lucky to have her working at Linda Vista Recreation Center. We want you to know how wonderful your staff is.

Thank you so much! Never let her go!

Susan



Park Ranger Plays A Critical Role



Parks and Recreation's Employee of the Quarter winner, Park Ranger Cristian Navaro, was recognized for his professionalism and quick decision-making while on patrol near Cowles Mountain. Shown to the left are Park Ranger Cristian with the family of those involved.

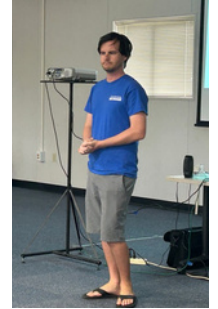
All winners of the Fiscal Year 2026
Fourth Quarter Employee of the
Quarter (EOQ) are pictured on page 53.

To view all the write ups, review the
[EOQ Memo](#).

EMPLOYEE KUDOS

Training Office Recognized as Top Training Provider

The Training Office received recognition from the American Red Cross



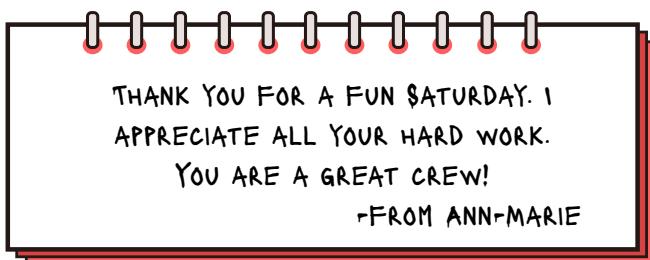
CPR / First Aid Instructors:

Daniel A Dorantes Baeza, Swimming Pool Manager 3
Noah W Johnson, Trainer
Tosh S Knight, Swimming Pool Manager 3
Anthony F Leers, Swimming Pool Manager 3
Carly R Lemersal, Swimming Pool Manager 1
Christopher O McElroy, Swimming Pool Manager 1
Jenelle A Nelson, Swimming Pool Manager 3
Isaias Ocegueda, Safety & Training Manager
Justine K Pasa, Assistantt Recreation Center Director
Dana C Robinson, Swimming Pool Manager 1
Nicole M Shaw, Swimming Pool Manager 3
Ashley Soto-Jimenez, Swimming Pool Manager 2
Noah A Waldschmidt, Swimming Pool Manager 1



A Letter of Appreciation to Pool Staff

Appreciation of Carmel Mountain Pool and Carmel Valley Pool Staff



Review the [Pools](#) website.
Review [Aquatic Programming](#).



EMPLOYEE KUDOS

CityNet Recognizes Parks and Recreation

Improved San Ysidro Community Activity Center Reopens



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

Learn more about the [Col. Irving Salomon San Ysidro Community Activity Center](#).

Read the full article on [Inside San Diego](#).

Inside San Diego Recognizes Parks and Recreation

Improvements to Olive Grove Neighborhood Park in Clairemont Completed



Read the full article on [Inside San Diego](#).

AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

Community Parks I Division: Basketball League Assessments at Allied Gardens Rec. Center



Recreation Leader I, Jake Weaver leads a basketball assessment day at the Allied Gardens Recreation Center in preparation for the upcoming Basketball League held at Allied Gardens. These assessments support the efforts of the department to provide balanced leagues where all participants are encouraged to try their best and have fun.



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



"The youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow."

-Nelson Mandela, Activist and Former President of South Africa

AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

Maintenance Assessment Districts: Pam Jordan Retires



Open Space Division: Park Rangers Remove Shopping Cart



Pictured (L-R) Park Ranger Rudy Ordonez and Park Ranger Elias Rocha assisting with pulling a shopping cart out of the riverbed during a volunteer event.



"Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all the others."

-Marcus Tullius Cicero, Roman Stateman, and Philosopher

AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

*Community Parks I Division:
Bridge Club at Standley Recreation Center*



*Community Parks I Division:
Hula at South Clairemont Recreation Center*



*“To escape and sit quietly on the beach -
that’s my idea of paradise.”*

-Emilia Wickstead, New Zealand Fashion Designer

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>

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.



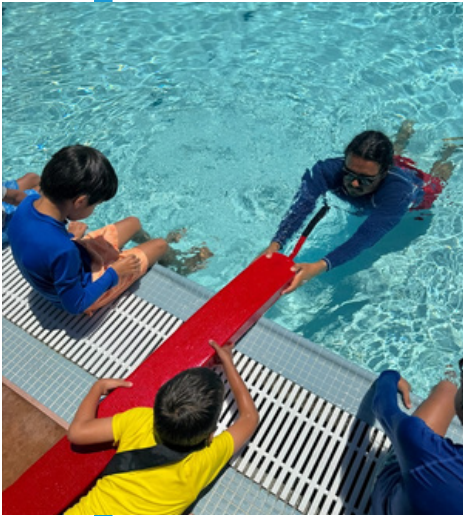
Additional Links

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[Fiscal/Annual Calendar](#)

[SDCERS](#)





THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!

