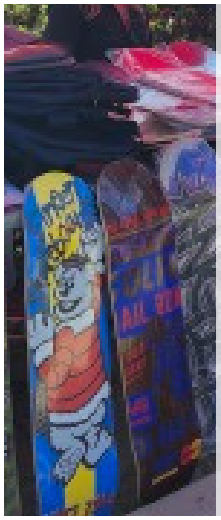




The City of SAN DIEGO







PARKS AND RECREATION

PARK POST







September 2026



Parks and Recreation

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Fond Farewell to Assistant Director, Karen Dennison





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Wishing a fond farewell to Assistant Director Karen Dennison, who transitions to the Department of General Services on Oct. 5. Karen joined the Parks and Recreation Department seven years ago after serving twelve years in management and leadership roles in the Business Office, Performance & Analytics Department, Office of the Assistant Chief Operating Officer, and Development Services. She brought immeasurable knowledge and experience to Parks and Recreation and quickly became a trusted leader, mentor, and pillar of wisdom for many. We will miss her greatly and wish her the absolute best in her next chapter.

"Leadership is about making others better as a result of your presence and making sure that impact lasts in your absence."

Sheryl Sandberg, Author

Parks and Recreation

Fall Events 2026

JOIN US FOR OUTDOOR FAMILY FUN, LIVE CONCERTS, MOVIES IN THE PARK AND FALL FESTIVITIES. YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO CHECK OUT OUR EVENT CALENDAR FOR MORE EVENT DETAILS!

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San Diego Parks Foundation

SUMMER MOVIES IN THE PARK

Parks and Recreation

FALL EVENTS LIST

LISTA DE EVENTOS DE OTOÑO

DATE FECHA	EVENT EVENTO	LOCATION UBICACIÓN	TIME HORARIOS
9/5	Night Life at Mission Trails	Kumeyaay Lake Campground	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
10/6	Pumpkin Painting	Penn Athletic Field	4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
10/9	Halloween Festival & Movie In the Park	South Clairemont Recreation Center	Festival: 4:30 pm Movie starts at dusk
10/10	Movie in the Park	Hilltop Recreation Center	Pre-Show Activities: 5:00 pm Movie starts at dusk
10/10	Creepy Critters Campfire Program	Kumeyaay Lake Campground	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
10/16	Halloween Carnival	Golden Hill Recreation Center	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
10/16	Halloween Carnival	North Clairemont Recreation Center	5:00 pm - 7:30 pm
10/16	Fall Carnival	Paradise Hills Recreation Center	4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
10/16	Fall Fun	Carmel Mountain Ranch/ Sabre Springs Recreation Center	3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
10/17	Concerts in the Park	Mission Trails Regional Park Visitor and Interpretive Center	2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
10/28	Halloween Party	Doyle Recreation Center	12:00 pm - 1:30 pm
10/21	Fall Carnival	Azalea Recreation Center	2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
10/21	Pumpkin Painting & Carving Jamboree	Robert Egger Sr. South Bay Recreation Center	5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
10/22	Thriller Thursday Halloween Event	Encanto Recreation Center	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
10/22	Halloween Carnival	Robert Egger Sr. South Bay Recreation Center	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
10/23	Halloween Night Swim	Tierrasanta Community Pool	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
10/23	Fall Festival	Park de la Cruz Gymnasium	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
10/23	Fall Carnival	Cesar Solis Community Park	2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
10/23	Halloween Fest	San Carlos Recreation Center	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
10/23	Fall Festival	Bay Terraces Community & Senior Center	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
10/23	Spooky Night	Penn Athletic Field	4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
10/24	Therapeutic Recreation Services Halloween Dance	Park de la Cruz Gymnasium	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
10/24	Fall Carnival	Linda Vista Recreation Center	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
10/24	Halloween Party	Santa Clara Recreation Center	11:00 am - 1:00 pm
10/24	Community Yard Sale	Robert Egger Sr. South Bay Recreation Center	8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Parks and Recreation

FALL EVENTS LIST

LISTA DE EVENTOS DE OTOÑO

DATE FECHA	EVENT EVENTO	LOCATION UBICACIÓN	TIME HORARIOS
10/28	Halloween Carnival	Southcrest Recreation Center	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
10/28	Trick or Treat	Carmel Valley Recreation Center	3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
10/29	Costume Contest Party	North Park Recreation Center	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
10/29	Halloween Carnival	Dolores Magdaleno Memorial Recreation Center	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
10/30	Halloween Carnival	Willie Henderson Sports Complex	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
10/30	Halloween Spooktacular	Stockton Recreation Center	3:30 pm - 6:00 pm
10/31	Halloween Pumpkin Archery Party	Chollas Lake Park	2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
11/5	Fall Festival	Cabrillo Recreation Center	4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
11/7	Dia de los Muertos	Memorial Pool	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
11/14	Canned Food Drive	Allied Gardens Pool	11:00 am - 1:00 pm
11/14	Turkey Trot	Penn Athletic Field	11:00 am - 1:00 pm
11/19	Dinner with the Bulls Thanksgiving Event	Encanto Recreation Center	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
11/21	Harvest Festival	Dolores Magdaleno Memorial Recreation Center	11:00 am - 2:00 pm
11/21	Gobble & Give	Mountain View Community Center	10:00 am - 12:00 pm



***SOME EVENTS MAY REQUIRE REGISTRATION AND/OR COST. VISIT OUR EVENT CALENDAR FOR MORE DETAILS.**

*ALGUNOS EVENTOS PUEDEN REQUERIR REGISTRO Y/O TENER UN COSTO. VISITE NUESTRO CALENDARIO DE EVENTOS PARA MÁS DETALLES.

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SAN DIEGO PARKS FOUNDATION

Programs in August 2026



- San Diego Parks Foundation (SDPF) sponsored 11 Movies In the Park events throughout the City with over 3,000 total attendance. Inflatables and popcorn were provided at all sites.
- Teen Nite wrapped up in August with events happening at 10 locations throughout the summer for teens every Friday night from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. All events included food, activities, field trips, crafts, sports, music, and a safe place to hang out with friends. Over 5,000 teens participated this summer.
- The Nature Camp 2026 program was hosted at 14 locations throughout the summer. This week-long camp featured two field trips, a visit from the San Diego Humane Society, lunch, crafts and nature-based activities offered to children 6 - 12 years-old.





Citywide Futsal championships were held at the Municipal Gym on Aug. 21 and 22. Over 1,000 attended this tournament, with a total of 730 players over the summer.



SAN DIEGO PARKS FOUNDATION

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Programs in August 2026







The Girls Summer basketball League was hosted at Mid-City Gym in the City Heights Community. This season five teams participated in the Under 14 Age Division.

Championships were hosted Aug. 25 with over 65 in attendance.



The Citywide Girls Softball Championships were held at Silver Wing Recreation Center on Aug. 15. Over 200 participants were in attendance. Over the season, there were a total of 132 participants this summer.



SAN DIEGO PARKS FOUNDATION

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Park Maintenance Projects





- Seven trees were planted at the Naval Training Center.
- One bench was installed at the Dana Point Landing.

Other Activities and Programs

September

- Park Ambassador Supervisor Academy is taking place from Sept. 16 through Nov. 4, 2026
- The Haunted Trails Field Trip took place on Sept. 24, 2026
- The Teen Activity Committee will host its Volleyball Mid-Season Classic and Girls Empowerment Workshop on Oct. 3, 2026 at Balboa Park Activity Center
- Teen Activity Committee's Volleyball Citywide Tournament - TBD
- Flag Football Citywide Tournament - TBD

October

- Halloween Event sponsorship at 14 locations this Fall

Click here to learn more about the San Diego Parks Foundation.

San Diego Parks Foundation

"You are never too old to set another goal or dream a new dream."

-C.S. Lewis, British Author, and Literary Scholar

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

Parks and Recreation Prepares for Shelter Needs



The Parks and Recreation Department's Training Office collaborated with the American Red Cross, San Diego Humane Society, and the County of San Diego Health and Human Services to train staff on what to do if called upon to house an emergency shelter. Hosted at Mountain View Recreation Center, this training offered instruction, practical activities, and shelter exercise scenarios.















ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION *Continued*

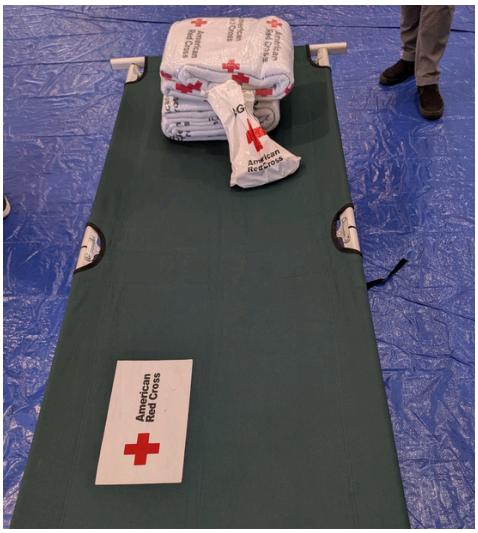
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ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION *Continued*

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CMS - ASSET MANAGEMENT

Botanical Building Central Gardens and Pergola Restoration



The revitalization of the Botanical Building Central Gardens and Pergola has brought new life to one of Balboa Park's most recognizable landscapes. The project included restoration of the historic pergola, originally constructed alongside the Botanical Building for the 1915 Panama-California Exposition and later lost during World War II. Its distinctive redwood lattice and five-bay design is echoed in the smaller sibling pergola in the Alcazar Garden, creating a connection between two of Balboa Park's historic landscapes.





CMS - ASSET MANAGEMENT

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Botanical Building Central Gardens and Pergola Restoration



The Central Gardens were revitalized with nine climate-conscious Mediterranean gardens designed for San Diego, improved drainage and irrigation, expanded accessible pathways, and restoration of historic landscape features. The fountains, planters, and balustrades were restored, historic bench designs were recreated, and enhanced dramatic lighting highlights the plantings and pergola. Many of the large specimen plants came from the Balboa Park Nursery, including some that had previously been housed inside the Botanical Building. The project also carefully preserved existing mature and specimen trees and plants. The historic lily ponds were also restored with new lily plantings.

The exterior garden restoration was kicked off with perimeter planting around the Botanical Building, designed and installed in-house by the City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department. Forever Balboa Park then championed and led the larger restoration effort, providing significant advocacy, fundraising, and project leadership to help bring the vision for the revitalized Central Gardens to life.



CMS - ASSET MANAGEMENT

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Botanical Building Central Gardens and Pergola Restoration



The restored landscape has quickly become a place for people to gather and enjoy the park. Shortly after installation, visitors were using the restored benches for resting, taking in the views, and enjoying lunch. The restored lawns were also immediately embraced for picnics and relaxation and were enjoyed throughout the summer by various summer camps.

The project reflects a strong partnership between Forever Balboa Park and the City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department. Parks and Recreation staff, including Balboa Park operations staff, horticulturists, and Asset Management staff, supported the project throughout design, permitting, and construction. Together, the partners have helped restore the historic character of this iconic landscape while creating a beautiful, accessible, and welcoming destination for the community.



CMS - ASSET MANAGEMENT

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Botanical Building Central Gardens and Pergola Restoration





"Sometimes, when you're in a dark place, you think you've been buried, but you've actually been planted."

-Christine Caine, Activist, Author, and Speaker

CITYWIDE MAINTENANCE SERVICES DIVISION

Lighting Improvements at Gershwin Neighborhood Park



Citywide Maintenance Services Division's Support Services are improving pathway visibility and travel at Gershwin Park by installing a new 30-foot light pole.





CITYWIDE MAINTENANCE SERVICES DIVISION

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Restoration at Hollywood Park





The Support Services Team successfully repaired and restored the switchback access to Hollywood Park. The team put in significant effort to bring the area back up to park standards. In addition to replacing the lumber and Class II road base, they removed some vegetation to better highlight the improvements. We always strive to provide the best results with the resources available, and we hope the community is pleased with our efforts.





OPEN SPACE DIVISION

Los Peñasquitos Canyon and Black Mountain are Recognized





Park Rangers Megan Delaney and Sam Olea proudly accepted Certificates of Recognition from State Assemblymember Chris Ward on behalf of all Park Rangers at Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve and Black Mountain. The certificates recognize the teams' outstanding dedication to stewarding San Diego's rich biodiversity and educating the community about native plant and animal species.



CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE

Assembly

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

PRESENTED TO:

Los Peñasquitos Canyon Reserve

CALIFORNIA BIODIVERSITY WEEK

On behalf of the California State Assembly,

This certificate is given in recognition of California Biodiversity Week and celebrating San Diego County as the most biodiverse county in the continental United States. Thank you for your staff's incredible dedication to stewarding San Diego's rich biodiversity and educating the public on native plant/animal species. The 78th Assembly District and the State of California recognize your commitments to the preservation of thousands of acres of land

Christopher M. Ward
California State Assemblymember, 78th District
Awarded on this 9th day of September 2026



County of San Diego, California

PROCLAMATION

Presented by Supervisor Joel Anderson

HONORING SAN DIEGO COUNTY BIODIVERSITY MONTH

WHEREAS, *California is one of the most biodiverse regions in the world and one of 36 global biodiversity hotspots, home to the highest total number of species and endemic species in the United States; and*

WHEREAS, *California Biodiversity Week observed September 5th through 13th, and California Biodiversity Day on September 7th celebrate the state's natural richness, inspiring San Diego County to recognize September as "Biodiversity Month" and celebrate the region's extraordinary natural heritage; and*

WHEREAS, *San Diego County is recognized as the most biologically diverse county in the continental United States, supporting more than 1,700 native plant species, over 520 bird species, more than 600 native bee species, and hundreds of additional species of reptiles, amphibians, butterflies, and other wildlife; and*

WHEREAS, *recognizing San Diego County Biodiversity Month encourages residents and visitors to experience and care for the region's natural heritage through community science, wildlife viewing, habitat restoration, environmental education and collaborative conservation efforts that strengthen resilience, safeguard ecological benefits and enhance quality of life across all communities in the region; and*

WHEREAS, *San Diego County is home to 18 federally recognized reservations governed by 17 Tribal Nations – including the Kumeyaay (Iipay nyaa, Payómkawichum Luiseño, Kuuyamaawichum Cupeño, and Jtwlqaalyem Cahuilla – whose Traditional Ecological Knowledge, stewardship and leadership continue to guide regional biodiversity conservation efforts; and*

WHEREAS, *San Diego County's extraordinary ecological magnificence is reflected in its biodiversity hotspots and special places, including the Biodiversity Reserve at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park, Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve, Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge, Tijuana River Estuary, Bahía Falsa Lagoon Ecological Preserve, Cabrillo National Monument, Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, Black Mountain Open Space Park, Daley Ranch, Dawson-Los Monos Canyon Reserve, Elliott Chaparral Reserve, Kendall-Frost Mission Bay Marsh Reserve, Scripps Coastal Reserve, and Mission Trails Regional Park; and*

WHEREAS, *the County of San Diego is committed to recognizing and honoring organizations that are dedicated to the best ideals of public service and the San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance and all of its conservation partners are worthy organizations;* **NOW THEREFORE,**

BE IT PROCLAIMED *by Chair Terra Lawson-Remer and all members of the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors on this 15th day of September 2026 that they commend the* **SAN DIEGO ZOO WILDLIFE ALLIANCE AND ALL ITS CONSERVATION PARTNERS** *for their outstanding service, leadership, and commitment to the residents of San Diego County and do hereby declare this month to be "***SAN DIEGO BIODIVERSITY MONTH***" throughout San Diego County.*

Also presented was a County of San Diego Proclamation celebrating San Diego County Biodiversity Month. The Board of Supervisors commended the San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance and all its conservation partners for their outstanding service, leadership, and commitment to the residents of San Diego County, officially declaring this month as "San Diego Biodiversity Month" across the region.

OPEN SPACE DIVISION

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Annual Events at San Diego River Park





In September, volunteers joined the San Diego River Park Foundation and San Diego River Park Rangers for two annual events- the Fall Homeless Census and Coastal Cleanup Day. With the support of 134 volunteers, teams were able to identify an estimated 266 individuals living in and along the River and remove 2,500 lbs of trash.



"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"

-Martin Luther King Jr., Civil Rights Leader

OPEN SPACE DIVISION

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Trail Improvements on Mesa Trail





The Trail Improvement Crew spent the morning of Sept. 20 clearing the corridor along Mesa Trail with Ranger Navarro. The crew removed overgrown vegetation and improved clearance to help keep the trail safe, visible, and accessible for park visitors. Corridor clearing is an important part of routine trail maintenance. It improves sightlines, reduces vegetation encroachment, and helps visitors remain on the designated trail. Thank you to the crew for dedicating their Sunday morning to improving Mesa Trail and supporting a safe, enjoyable experience for everyone.



COMMUNITY PARKS I DIVISION

Service Project at Children's Park





A huge thank you to the OMNI Hotel volunteer group for their help in refreshing the planter beds of old pine litter with clean ones. The community appreciates the help of all volunteers in support of local parks.





COMMUNITY PARKS I DIVISION

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Honoring Angel Castro at Skate Jam 2026 at PHR





This year's Skate Jam, hosted at Pacific Highlands Ranch Neighborhood Park's Pump Track, carried a special kind of magic as our community celebrated the life and legacy of Angel Castro. Angel loved this event, and the community she helped build came together to honor her in the way she would have loved most, with joy, movement, and connection.

Staff created beautiful "Angel Boards" featuring her name and wings and gifted them to local youth, helping keep her spirit rolling forward. Seeing those boards in the hands of young skaters was a heartfelt reminder of the warmth, generosity, and sense of community Angel brought to Parks and Recreation throughout her decades of service.

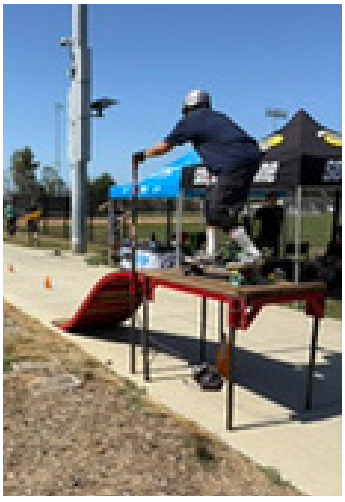
A special thank-you to the San Diego Police Department (SDPD) for their partnership and support in helping make Skate Jam 2026 a safe, welcoming, and memorable event for everyone.

Thank you to all who showed up, donated to the Angel Boards, shared memories, and helped keep Angel's spirit moving. Her kindness lives on in the communities she served, the employees she mentored, and the youth now rolling forward on Angel Boards, each one a reminder of her wings.

Keep riding. Keep lifting each other up.







COMMUNITY PARKS I DIVISION

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Cleanup at Nobel Park and Recreation Center



The Grounds Maintenance Worker (GMW) team from the University City area supported volunteers in completing a larger cleanup effort. The team trimmed trees both inside and outside the playground and trimmed the surrounding bushes. They also installed weed fabric in selected areas. This fabric will help significantly reduce weed growth, especially in sections with only trees and no additional plants.









COMMUNITY PARKS I DIVISION

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Cleanup at Nobel Park and Recreation Center









This project was a collaboration with the Environmental Services and Parks and Recreation Departments with the support of community volunteers. Despite the very hot day, everyone continued working hard to provide a cleaner and more beautiful park for the community. There is still a lot of work to be done at Nobel Recreation Center, but this is a great start.

Thank you all for the support, hard work, and dedication to our community!

COMMUNITY PARKS I DIVISION

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Happening at South Clairemont Recreation Center







Above: Clairemont Family Day
Below and Right: Little Artist Corner





COMMUNITY PARKS II DIVISION

Neal Petties Sign Unveilling



Neal Petties was a proud San Diego native who went on to become a standout receiver at San Diego State University, earning a place in the SDSU Athletics Hall of Fame in 2006, before playing in the NFL with the Baltimore Colts. But his greatest legacy was built when he came home. Neal dedicated 25 years to the City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department, serving the Mountain View community and generations of local youth through sports, recreation, mentorship, and service. He was more than a Recreation Center Director—he was a mentor, role model, and trusted member of the community whose impact continues to be felt today. With the support and determination of the Neal Petties Community Recreation Group (CRG), the park was renamed in his honor in the summer of 2023. The sign unveiling on Sept. 19 celebrates Neal's life, his service, and the lasting legacy he created through the people he inspired. It is the community's way of saying thank you to a man who gave so much to Mountain View, San Diego's youth, and the City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department





COMMUNITY PARKS II DIVISION

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Rock Climbing Block Party at Teralta Park on Sept. 19











COMMUNITY PARKS II DIVISION

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Beautification at Teralta Park





The Mulch Replenishment Project was successfully completed on Sept. 22 with support from all area Grounds Maintenance Workers and mechanical assistance from our partners in the Citywide Maintenance Services Division, Support Services. Together, the team spread more than 100 yards of red chips throughout the park.







"Everybody can be great... because anybody can serve."

-Martin Luther King Jr., Civil Rights Leader

COMMUNITY PARKS II DIVISION

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2026 City Heights Youth Job and Resource Fair



The Parks and Recreation staff collaborated with City Heights Village, SAY San Diego, and Price Philanthropies to make this fair possible on Sept. 12. There were 35 community resources in attendance for this event. By the end of the event, we connected over 125 youth, young adults, and families with valuable educational, career, workforce, and community resources.









CIVIC DANCE ARTS

Adult Dance Intensive





Aug. 16, 2026 -Adult Dance Intensive. The tapas of dance! A day filled with a variety of dance class offerings and levels for adults who love to dance and want to try something new and/or broaden their dance skills. Forty-eight adults spent the day at the Casa del Prado Building studios experiencing classes such as ballet, tap, jazz, pom, musical theater, hip hop, heels, Hawaiian, and yoga. A fun and sweaty time was had by all!





"Dance is the hidden language of the soul."
-Martha Graham, American Modern Dancer and Choreographer

CIVIC DANCE ARTS

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Boys Day of Dance



Sept. 13, 2026- Boys Day of Dance. Boys dance too and there are more and more of them getting involved in dance classes citywide. In an effort to help support and encourage these boys to continue their dance studies and to help them bond with one another, we hold an annual day of dance for boys. Bootcamp warm up, bonding games, hip hop dancing and learning a dance piece to perform in our Fundraising Night of Theater shows. A great time was had and friendships formed/deepened.





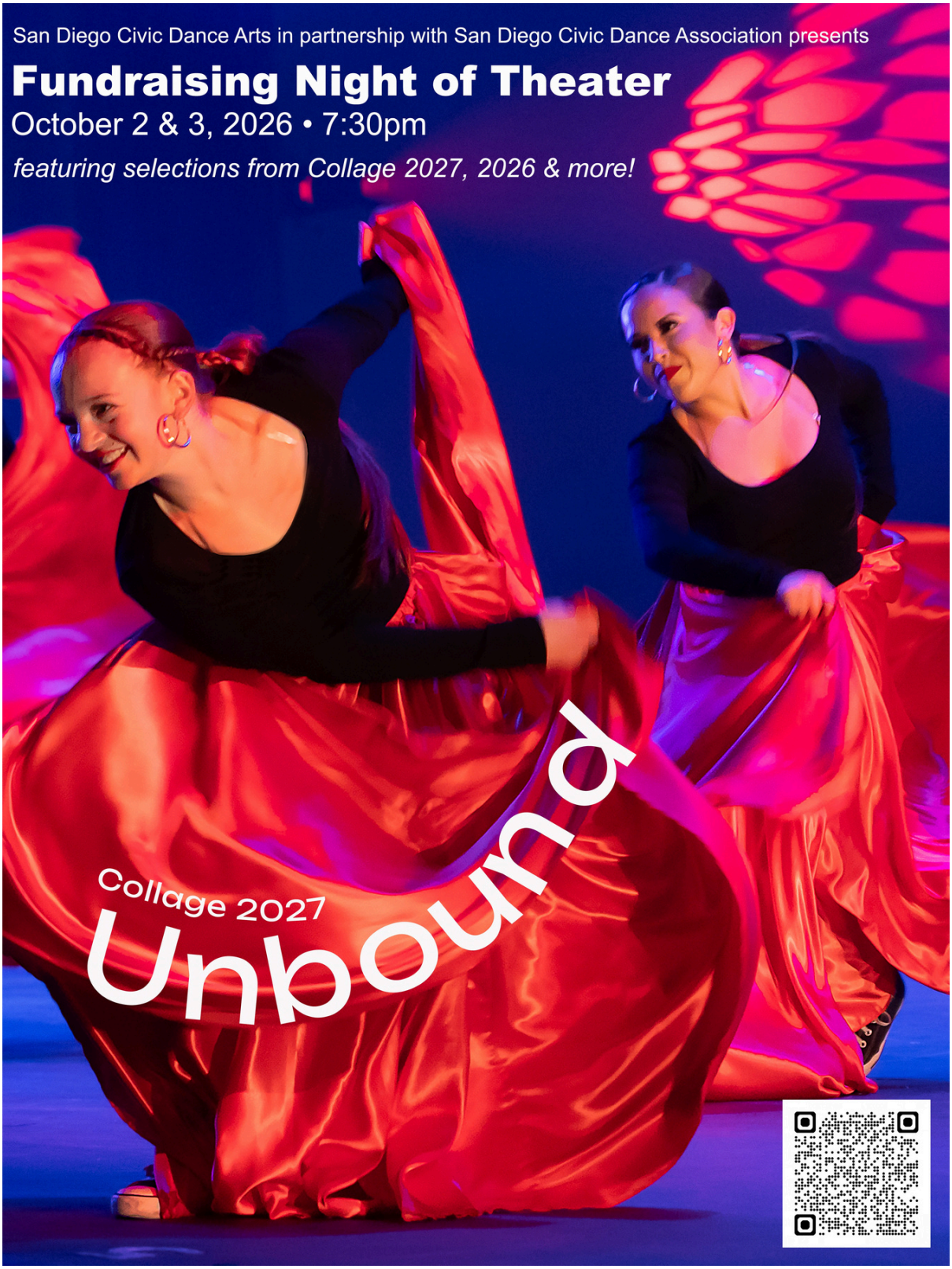




CIVIC DANCE ARTS

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FREE tickets for Fundraising Night of Theater shows. Best to reserve your tickets as we have sold out in the past. The hour-long program features encore performances from Collage 2026: Powerful and previews of new work that will be featured in Collage 2027: Unbound as well as the much-anticipated Boys Day of Dance showcase performance. Hope you can join us!



Reserve your FREE tickets here: www.purplepass.com/sdcdafnot26 (ticket reservations close Thursday, 10/1 at 7:30pm)

Open seating, arrive early. Show is suitable for all ages.

SAFETY AND TRAINING

Emergency Action Plans



Did you know having a plan during an emergency can save lives? Here are three quick tips to stay prepared:

- **Know Your Routes:** Review emergency exits and meeting spots at your site.
- **Learn AED Locations:** Know where life-saving equipment is stored.
- **Follow Directions:** Listen to staff instructions during emergencies or drills.

By staying ready, we respond faster and keep each other safe.

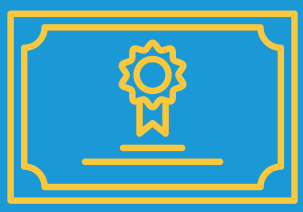
"The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today."

-H. Jackson Brown Jr., Author

Upcoming Trainings

Training Schedule

Date	*Name*
9/06/26 to 10/29/26	CPR Trainings
10/14/26	Quarterly Supervisor Meeting





Training Office is located at 9485 Aero Drive

Pre-register for all trainings in Success Factors.

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.

ADMINISTRATION

Payroll Reminders

- Employees are issued a City email, and should be checking it every day they report to work. Please contact your payroll specialist for assistance if needed.
- Supervisors: please make sure you are completing and presenting an Employee Performance Review to your staff. Notification of upcoming EPR's are sent to supervisors via email.
- Supervisors: please make sure you are frequently checking your approval inbox in SAP for last minute changes/approvals and remind your team not to make timecard changes after non-payday Friday or they run the risk of not being paid accurately, or not paid at all.
- Employees who are due a TB Test or Assessment, remember to send a copy of the Certificate of Assessment or copy of the test results to your payroll specialist.
- Reminder to those who are employed, are contractors, or own a business outside of the City, please complete and submit a Notification of Outside Employment or Enterprise form to your supervisor to be routed to your Appointing Authority. Once approved, it will be placed in your payroll file.

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 Office Community Engagement and Outreach

The Parks and Recreation Department collaborated with the Human Resources Department to offer the first Fall Kickoff: Meet, Mingle, and Serve event on Sept. 18. Hosted at the Kearny Mesa Recreation Center, interns donated their time to spread mulch in the planter beds in the parking lot, recreation center and pool buildings. After the service project, City employees were invited to lunch and an opportunity to network alongside the interns. This event is the first project to offer the opportunity for staff and interns to mingle.







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
CRS	Taylor Askil	Therapeutic Recreation Specialist	5
CP II	Gustavo Carranza	Recreation Aide	10
CP II	Christopher Chavez	Recreation Aide	10
Golf	Eric Collins	Golf Course Greenskeeper	20
CP I	Oscar Eusebio	Area Manager	10
CP I	Gabriel Gonzalez	Swimming Pool Manager 1	5
CP I	Kenneth Gray	Recreation Leader 1	10
OS	Michael Jones	Assistant Deputy Director	10
CP II	Shawn Kelley	Recreation Aide	10
CP I	Carly Lemersal	Swimming Pool Manager 1	5
CMS	Francisco Licona	Irrigation Specialist	35
CRS	Sharon Moninger	Supervising Aging Recreation Specialist	10
OS	Mario Parra	Grounds Maintenance Manager	35
CP II	Moises Perez	Grounds Maintenance Worker 3	25
CP I	Michael Rhone, Jr	Recreation Leader 1	10
Golf	Jose Ruiz	Pesticide Applicator	15
CRS	Jennifer Stevenson	Therapeutic Recreation Specialist	10







New Hires and Rehires

Division	Name	Classification
CRS	Kirra Felten	Recreation Leader 2(Dance)
MBSL	Ricardo Rodriguez	Grounds Maintenance Worker 1
OS	Kyle Smith	Pesticide Applicator
CRS	Serena Tu	Recreation Leader 2(Dance)
CP I	Kimberly Wood	Recreation Leader 1







PERSONNEL

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Promotions

Division	Name	Classification
OS	Joseph Goettee	Associate Planner
CP I	Saunia Kammerer	Supervising Aquatics Recreation Specialist
CP I	Michael Mangarelli	Area Manager
CP I	Miguel Mateo	Grounds Maintenance Supervisor
CP I	Henry Mounier	Swimming Pool Manager 1
BP	Michael Serpa	Grounds Maintenance Supervisor



Transfers to Parks and Recreation

Division	Name	Classification
OS	Cindy Dunn	Environmental Biologist 3
AS	Renee Tran	Intern







Service Retirements

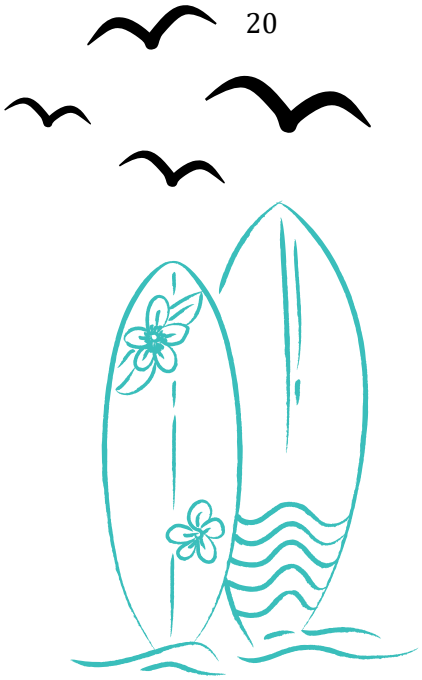
Division	Name	Classification	Years of Service
CMS	Adolfo Avalos	Seven-Gang Mower Operator	20



Adolfo Avalos
Seven-Gang Mower Operator



20 years of dedicated service



EMPLOYEE KUDOS

Letter of Appreciation

This letter is to recognize Park Ranger Jesus Fuentes for his composure.

Dear Park Supervisor,

I am writing to share my deepest gratitude and to formally commend Ranger Jesus for his incredible professionalism, quick action, and support during an emergency rescue on the trail this past Monday, Sept. 7.

My friend and I were hiking with my dog, Rip, when Rip suffered severe heat stroke about a mile to a mile and a half out. We quickly ran out of water, and because Rip weighs around 80 pounds and was completely incapacitated, we could no longer carry him and had to call 911 for emergency assistance. While we were waiting for help in the heat, an exhausted young couple came down the trail. They had been hiking without water for three to four hours. The young man was so severely dehydrated that he collapsed, could no longer walk, and had to join us waiting for rescue.

Ranger Jesus was instrumental in managing the situation, he coordinated seamlessly with the incoming fire rescue crews, guided the firefighters directly to our exact location on the trail, and ensured everyone stayed calm and safe during a critical window. What started as a call for a downed dog turned into an urgent multi-person rescue, and Jesus handled the entire scene with total composure and urgency.

Thanks to the rapid response that Jesus helped coordinate, the young man received the care he needed, and we were able to get Rip straight to the veterinary emergency ICU in time to save his life. After several days of intensive hospitalization, Rip pulled through and is now safely home recovering.

Please ensure Ranger Jesus is recognized for his exceptional service, dedication, and leadership on the trail. Our park system is fortunate to have someone of his caliber protecting the public. My family and I will forever be grateful for his help.

Sincerely,
Stan







"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members."

-Coretta Scott King, Civil Rights Leader

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

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SDACC website

SCCPOA website

San Diego Aquatics Center Council (SDACC)

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

Southern California Certified Pool Operator Association (SCCPOA)

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

RECOGNIZED EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS

Employee Organizations

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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
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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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