

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Parks Department



DATE: November 26, 2014

COMMISSION MEETING DATE: December 4, 2014

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Scott Lombardi, Park Superintendent
SUBJECT: Superintendent's Report

RECOMMENDATION:
Review and accept report.

BACKGROUND:
This report covers Park activities since the Commission's October 2, 2014 meeting.

DISCUSSION:

DISTRICT I

Coyote Point Recreation Area

Staff is happy to welcome recently promoted Park Ranger III Jason Brien to District I. Jason brings a positive, professional attitude and a broad skill set to his work.

Staff is also happy to report the completion of both the Promenade and the Beach Group playground. These projects recently had their final walkthroughs and are now ready for use by the public.

An Eagle Scout recently completed his final project which includes a new retaining wall and flagstone patio on the southeast side of the Captain's House.

Ranger Del Carlo worked with an arborist to identify approximately 35 Eucalyptus trees that will either be removed or pruned back to lighten.

Junipero Serra Park

Biology Professor Cathy Diamond brought College of San Mateo students for a bi-annual service day at Junipero Serra Park. Work included the removal of invasive broom plants.

Salesforce continues their service work and recently painted the Bay View Shelter. Salesforce's goal is to complete 2,000 hours of service work by February 2015. About 50 trees were vandalized by unknown person(s) who the trunks with either an axe or machete from the pedestrian entrance at San Bruno City Park to the Willow Shelter at Junipero Serra Park.

Crystal Springs Trail

Staff continues to work with the SFPUC to coordinate collaborative work days for tree work and mowing.

Construction is on schedule for the South of Dam extension of the Crystal Spring Regional Trail.

Speeding bicycles are a constant source of complaint. Staff is also preparing for an increase in dog contacts that usually occur with a rush of out of town visitors for the holidays. Staff will continue to educate the public on proper trail etiquette as well as strive for voluntary compliance to County Ordinances.

San Bruno Mountain

Staff worked with a fencing contractor to secure the Park's West Peak facility. The facility not only houses the Park's shop, it is also a repeater site for many of the County's radio communications.

Ranger Rogers has been working with the Alternative Sentencing Program of the Sheriff's Office in coordinating weekly work days for program participants. This helps give the Park some added attention. Lately the work has focused on winterizing the park – clearing roadways and storm drains.

DISTRICT II

Edgewood Park and Natural Preserve

Staff has completed replacement of the old trail signs with the new style signs, which have more information to enhance the hiking experience within the Park.

Staff and volunteers weeded the native plant garden in front of the Bill and Jean Lane Education Center. Most of the poison oak was removed as well.

Winterization of trails and the clearing of water drain features have been completed – this helps preserve the integrity of the trail tread.

A civics group from San Mateo County came out November 8 for an interpretive walk hosted by staff and volunteers.

Flood Park

Maintenance and park staff spent several days limbing trees throughout the park based on arborist recommendations. Two small dying Monterey pines were removed.

Maintenance staff also removed green waste piles and spread composted soil near the Oak Reservation Area.

A new pour and play surface overlay was installed over the existing play surface at the play structure to meet safety standards

Friendship Park

New concrete tables were installed. Park staff assisted in the unloading and placement of the tables. Park staff continues to weed and clean the park, and has taken over the green waste composting for the volunteers.

Huddart Park

PG&E contractors and park staff completed the first step on Richard's Road improvements. The contractor removed trees to enhance emergency access and has now re-graded, rocked and compacted the road for winter.

Septic tank repairs are being done throughout the park including at the Archery Range, Meadow and Upper Werder restrooms.

Park staff continues to replace old wooden valve boxes with concrete Christy boxes and to replace all the old gate valves with new ball valves.

CDC crews are again doing fuel reduction work along the middle of the park below Sequoia Group Area.

Park staff and contractors worked in collaboration with the SFPUC on rocking, grading and fencing a half-mile easement (Runnymede) of the Crystal Springs Trail. Installation of 15 water bars and new gates were done. Also the entire road was rocked and drainage ditches created.

Wunderlich Park

Tree work continues near the parking lot and park facilities, and landscaping has been completed around the Carriage House and the Stable area.

The Friends of Huddart and Wunderlich Parks had a great fundraising event "Carts to Cars" that raised thousands of dollars for the Parks Department on September 28th at Wunderlich Park.

DISTRICT III-SOUTH COAST

Memorial Park Complex

In October, a Contractor removed and hauled away the asbestos roof from the water tank intake building. Park and maintenance staff installed rafters and a new composition roof. Also in October, a 100-foot Douglas fir tree fell in the Creek Flat area of the Tan Oak Day Use area. The park was closed to allow for safe removal of the tree.

Park staff installed the last two toilet risers in the Shaw Flat Trail Camp in Pescadero Creek Park. This completes the replacement project for both trail camps.

Timberline Tree Service began removing dead hazardous trees along Pescadero Creek in Memorial Park. Also in Memorial, masonry contractors began stone fire pit repairs in the Azalea, Sequoia A and D sections. Park staff with maintenance removed the old shake roof on the gatehouse and installed a new composition roof.

On November 1 and 2, the Parks Foundation invited guests to view the newly acquired Loma Mar Redwoods in Memorial Park. The event was well attended and after a lunch at Memorial Park provided by the Foundation, Ranger Wright led the guests on a hike.

A project funded by the Sierra Club's created a fire fuel reduction area around the Hiker's Hut. .

Ranger Schneider and volunteers worked on the Brook TRail

Peninsula TV filmed the Sam McDonald residence in Sam McDonald Park for a cable show they are doing in December on Mr. McDonald.

Park crew are winterizing trails, cleaning culverts and ditches in all parks in District III.

DISTRICT IV

Fitzgerald Marine Reserve/Quarry Park/Pillar Point Bluff/Mirada East & West

The Reserve's parking lot project is nearing completion. The Visitor Center was improved with new flooring, sheetrock repair, a door and paint. Tour season at the reefs is in full swing.

At Mirada West, a valve was installed to eliminate the water pressure issue.

At Quarry Park, fire roads are being brushed, drainage cleared and other routine winterizing work is being done.

A 10-year anniversary party and workday was held at Moss Beach playground.

Planning meetings for the annual Maverick's surf competition are taking place. Opening date is January 3rd.

San Pedro Valley/Sanchez Adobe/Devil's Slide

A new pressure reducing valve was installed on the main water supply to correct a pressure

An REI-sponsored volunteer event took place with about 25 volunteers participating.

Staff work includes routine winterizing of park facilities, Devil's Slide Trail memorial bench maintenance, developing a plan to reconfigure the Trout Farm picnic are, working

on the Visitor Center upgrade plan, completing the eucalyptus removal and treatment project on Montara Mountain Trail (it's also being monitored for results).

DISTRICT V

Maintenance staff completed the Wavecrest Trail Project, roof repairs at the Memorial Park pump house and gatehouse, Reserve Visitor Center interior improvements, and miscellaneous electrical repairs at Huddart, Edgewood, the Reserve and Coyote Point. .

Staff continues work on the LED lighting improvement project at Coyote Point. Staff worked with Altec and REEP crews to remove hazardous tree branches and limbs at Flood Park. Staff completed repairs and servicing on Park equipment and milled lumber for the County's Carpenter's shop and Memorial Park,

Sign Shop produced signs for districts, CuriOdyssey, HR-Wellness Division, DPW-Facilities Division and others.

Staff (Gatt, Candler and Kang) completed Sheriff Work Furlough Supervisor training, (Candler and Kang), ESS training courses, and assisted with Equipment Operator testing and the Training Committee for training on small equipment operation for new hires.