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Granada Community Services District

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Granada Parks Advisory Committee (PAC)



Developing Recreation in El Granada

The PAC was formed by the Granada Community Service Board to ensure community involvement in all phases of park planning, design and development. Members appointed to the PAC are local residents who volunteer their time to improve our community. Current members are: Nancy Marsh (chair), Pat Tierney (vice chair), Susannah Cantrell, Michelle Dragony, Paul Koelsch, Fran Pollard, and newly appointed member Ric Barker.

Our dedicated group of PAC volunteers are proud to present to our community our accomplishments to date and priorities for the future. — Nancy Marsh, Chair, PAC

2019 PAC Priorities

The GCSB Board agreed on the following priorities for PAC in 2019:

1. Support efforts planning Burnham Park and protection of resources.
2. Organize and promote 2019 Summer Recreation Program.
3. Write *Connection to Recreation* for 2019 Summer Recreation Program.
4. Maintain parks and recreation webpage on GCSB website, and provide recreation focused information for quarterly newsletter.
5. Develop trail and amenities plan for El Granada medians
6. Work with Cabrillo Unified School District to identify existing playground improvements needed at El Granada Elementary School.
7. Advocate for a bicycle pump track to be built in Quarry Park.

2018 PAC Accomplishments

- Restarted publication of the GCSB newsletter.
- Created and wrote the Parks & Recreation section of the newsletter.
- Maintained and improved the Parks Page of the GCSB website.
- Continued review of potential sites for a bicycle pump track.
- Assisted in public outreach for proposed Burnham Park.
- Planned community outreach event for small neighborhood park proposed on Avenue Balboa medians. (Project on hold indefinitely)
- Created a task list to develop a trail and amenities plan for the El Granada medians.
- Individual members participated in Quarry Park Master Plan community meetings.
- Approved park priorities for 2019 for presentation to the GCSB Board.



*We welcome your input at:
info@granada.ca.gov*



A bicycle pump track is a continuous loop of dirt berms and “rollers” (smooth dirt mounds). The rider’s upper and lower body’s pumping motion maintains the speed around the track, ideally without pedaling.



Sewer Problem? Here’s what you should do...

Call the Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside (SAM), (650) 726-0124, 24-hours a day/7-days a week, for sewer related emergencies. SAM will respond within 30 minutes to check the sewer main in the street and clear it if causing the problem.

A sewer related emergency includes an overflow or back-up in your sink, tub, toilet, or sewer clean-out, or if you smell sewage and suspect an overflow in the street.

Every residence should have a sewer clean-out providing access to the house sewer line or lateral. Make sure your clean-out is clear of soil and debris to help prevent back-ups in your house. If the sewer problem is in the house or on private property, you will need to call a plumber.



Our 2018 Recreation Events Were Greatly Enjoyed.

All of the 2018 events were free and led by PAC members and other members of our local community. Below are memories of the two of the Summer 2018 events. Check out the rest on our website in the September 2018 e-newsletter.

Explorer Walk Along Deer Creek

PAC Member Emeritus Dale Ross led a walk along Deer Creek through the fields, streets and yards of El Granada. Community members were treated to an enthusiastic tour of the creek's meanderings and the creative and beautiful ways in which residents have incorporated the creek into their landscaping. A lovely sunny morning walk through the neighborhood, marveling at the coexistence of creek, wildlife habitat and local residences!



Walk Through History: Ocean Shore Railroad & El Granada Medians

GCSD Board Vice President Barbara Dye recounted the history of our area, from the time of the Coastanoa Indians through development of the Ocean Shore Railroad ("Reaches



Mountain Biking Quarry Park, far left

Wild Edible Plants Walk

the Beaches!") and the Daniel Burnham-designed Granada development, including wide streets, spacious plazas and forested medians. She also shared information about efforts by the Granada Community Services District to protect our open spaces while creating more parks for the community.

El Granada resident Mark Welch commented: "Last Saturday we met to take a two hour tour of El Granada. I recommend to anyone that when this comes up again, take it. 1) You get to get out and walk a few miles and 2) you get to hear about the history of our town from the Indian garbage dump in the Pillar Point marsh to the 600,000 eucalyptus trees planted at the turn of the century because they were the 'in' tree at the time (that number is NOT a typo) :) ... and lots more. Barbara did a great job!! I encourage anyone who has an interest to attend the next one... keep an eye out on Nextdoor for the date and time." 🌿



"Granada" was considered Ocean Shore's "jewel" in its pearly necklace of beach towns.



Parks and Rec Funding and Current and Potential Park Areas

The Granada Community Services District (GCSD) parks and recreation function is funded by utilizing a portion of GCSD's share of San Mateo County property tax revenues, not from sewer charges. GCSD's goal is to provide parks and recreation services that benefit the GCSD community, with a commitment to robust neighborhood outreach on new projects.

GCSD owns the undeveloped "Burnham Strip" property along Obispo Street between Coronado Street and Avenue Alhambra in El Granada, which may be developed as an El Granada gateway park. In addition, GCSD continues to review potential park property acquisitions as well as the potential to establish a local community center in the future.

On the Recreation front, beginning in 2018 and expanding in 2019, the PAC organizes summer programs

including camps, classes, outdoor experiences and hikes. To support more opportunity for local active recreation, GCSD has offered financial support for a pump track in Quarry Park, if it is included in San Mateo County's Quarry Park Master Plan. The PAC is also exploring whether there are opportunities to improve active recreation facilities at El Granada Elementary School, with financial support from GCSD.

The GCSD Parks Advisory Committee (PAC) meetings are held at the GCSD office at least once each quarter and are open to the public and televised. The PAC meeting schedule and meeting minutes may be found online at www.granada.ca.gov. 🌿



Update: Public Outreach on Avenue Balboa Small Neighborhood Playground Proposal

In 2016 the PAC evaluated and mapped lands in the district, including the El Granada medians, for their potential as recreation sites, and identified the large medians at the north end of Avenue Balboa and on Avenue Portola as having the potential to add small neighborhood playgrounds.

GCS D 2015 Survey

Is there a need for neighborhood parks?

61%: yes 78% of households with children: yes

In October 2018 PAC held a public outreach event where residents were presented with three play area concept drawings ranging from minimal to elaborate, as well as photographs of natural play structures and picnic tables and benches made of various materials. Everyone who approached was encouraged to submit a written comment form. Other responses were received by mail or via social media.

Responses to a Play Area

Positive: 54% – Negative: 40% – Equivocal: 6%

Favored:

- natural looking playground structures
- picnic tables
- benches and trails in a natural landscape

Not Favored:

- hardscaping: basketball court, stage or bathrooms

Concerns:

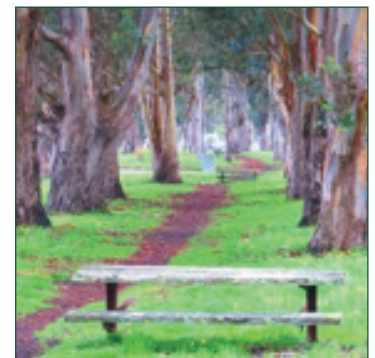
- traffic safety
- parking
- noise
- disruptive after-hours use
- safe maintenance of trees, natural aesthetics, trash and maintenance
- possibility of homeowner liability for any additions

At the January 2019 GCS D Board meeting, the Board reviewed and prioritized PAC activities for 2019 and elected to table the Median Playground proposal in favor of the priorities listed on page 1, including an overall trail and amenities plan for the El Granada medians.

“As it turns out, how we improve the medians is a very delicate subject.”

—Matthew Clark, GCS D Board Member

PAC members ... displayed three play area concept drawings ranging from minimal to elaborate, as well as photographs of natural play structures and picnic tables and benches made of various materials.



Respondents generally favored natural looking playground structures, picnic tables, benches and trails in a natural landscape.



RECYCLE RIGHT!

The world of recycling changed in 2017 when China enacted not only stricter guidelines on what material is recyclable, but also very rigid contamination rules.

How does this affect my recycling?

Contamination causes major issues impacting the recyclability of all the items you place in your bin for curbside recycling. Contamination is defined as 5% or more non-recyclable material found inside your recycling bin, and that includes food scraps, food residue, and plastic bags.

After Recology of the Coast picks up your recyclables, the material is taken to a plant for sorting and processing. Clean materials cost less than contaminated materials to process. By placing only clean material in your recycling bin, you

ensure a greater amount will be recycled instead of going to landfill, and you help Recology keep their costs down, which translates into lower rates for you.

What can I do to recycle right?

Put plastic bags and all other non-recyclable material in the garbage, not in your recycling bin. Limit food contamination by following three simple rules: Empty, Clean and Dry. Empty all liquid and remove residual food by either wiping out the container or quickly rinsing and drying it before tossing in your bin.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS: Aluminum (i.e. soda cans, CLEAN aluminum foil) Aseptic Containers (juice and soup boxes) Cardboard Glass Bottles & Jars Mixed Paper (colored, computer, magazines) Plastics (bottles, containers #1-7, party cups, plastic cutlery, straws)

Reminder: Special Item Recycling April 27, 8am-Noon at the Burnham Strip

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To protect public health and safety, preserve our environment, and maintain fiscal soundness by providing high quality service for wastewater, solid waste collection, recycling, and serving the community's needs for parks and recreation, through responsible operations and management.

About the District

The Granada Sanitary District was formed in 1958 under the California Sanitary District Act of 1923. In October of 2014, the District was reorganized as the Granada Community Services District by a vote of 60% of the residents. The District is now responsible for parks, recreation, garbage and recycling services in the unincorporated areas of El Granada, Princeton, Princeton-by-the-Sea, Clipper Ridge, and Miramar. The parks function is funded by property tax revenues, not by sewer charges.

The District is also responsible for the sewage collection system and disposal for approximately 2,500 residences and businesses in the District as well as the northern portion of the City of Half Moon Bay. Garbage and recycling services are provided by Recology of the Coast under a franchise agreement with the Granada Community Services District. 



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