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Transforming the Burnham Strip ...into Burnham Park

**Park
Survey
Inside**

The GCSDD Board is seeking input from the community about development of its Burnham Strip parcel, a seven-acre lot along the south side of Obispo Road between Coronado

Daniel Burnham, the famed architect who designed El Granada over 100 years ago. The Board is committed to broad and extensive community engagement in planning the Park.



Street and the Picasso Pre-School, into a community park. A portion of the parcel is currently used as a parking lot, mostly by visitors to Surfer's Beach, and about two acres of the property are protected wetland. The GCSDD property is bordered by the Caltrans right-of-way along Highway 1.

The Burnham Strip property boasts breezy ocean views and three significant riparian areas. GCSDD has worked with its environmental partner, the San Mateo County Resource Conservation District, to remove invasive species and restore natural flora in the riparian areas. The GCSDD Board is now planning to develop Burnham Park—named for

GCSDD first presented ideas for the park at a public event on the property in June 2018, collecting detailed comments from more than seventy people about what they did and did not want in the Park. More than 85% of those who provided comments supported development of the new community park. A link to the 2018 event report and the following Board discussion can be found at www.granada.ca.gov/parks. Two more opportunities for community input are now planned: a Community Interest Survey and a Burnham Park Public Planning Workshop.

The 2019 Parks and Recreation Community Interest Survey included with this newsletter asks questions about desired amenities at Burnham Park, as well as questions about Summer Recreation and a possible Community Recreation Center. Please complete the enclosed survey and return it in the envelope provided, or complete the survey online, which may be accessed using the web address or QR code located at the top of the first page. The survey is available in English and Spanish.



Burnham Park Public Planning Workshop... Thursday, October 24, 2019

Save the Date: Burnham Park Public Planning Workshop

When: Thursday October 24, 2019, doors open at 5:00 for pizza and conversation; workshop begins at 6:00 to about 9:00pm

Where: El Granada Elementary School Community Room

Who: The Granada Community Services District is hosting this workshop. All members of the GCSDD Community are welcome.

What: A hands-on workshop to prioritize possible amenities to be included in a new Park, and to map out desired locations for the most popular amenities.

The GCSDD Parks Committee, including Directors Barbara Dye and David Seaton, envisions further community outreach once information from the Survey and Public Workshop is incorporated into the planning process.

GCSD's 2019 Summer Recreation Program: Connection to Recreation

From Sea Foraging to Tots Jumping—A Big Hit!

GCSD's Summer Recreation program was developed by the hard-working volunteers of the Parks Advisory Committee (PAC), who are dedicated to continuing a program which offers a local-based variety of informative, interesting, and fun recreational events to persons of all ages. This year's summer events included:



Tot Lot Jumper: Hosted on two separate Saturday mornings by PAC Member Michelle Dragony. This event provided kids ages 2 to 10 with loads of exercise and bouncing fun! Due to its popularity, the District will be offering this event more frequently next summer.

A Walk Through History: All of the walks were well attended and replete with tidbits of local lore and filled with historical information.



Introduction to Shoreline Coastal Clams and Fish:

Led by Kirk "The Sea Forager" Lombard. The number of sea critters that live just below the sand on all our beaches is truly amazing!



Ocean Shore Railroad & El Granada: Led by GCSD Director Barbara Dye.



CPR AED & First Aid Class: Taught by PAC Member Michelle Dragony, this class was fully attended. The GCSD will offer FREE enrollment for this class next summer.

Rosen Movement: This class was so well received that it will be continued this fall, every Tuesday for a six-week period, beginning October 1st through November 5th. The class starts at 1:00 pm in the GCSD Meeting Room.

Creating and Preserving Quarry Park & Our Small Town: Led by PAC Member and historian, Fran Pollard.

Coastal Trail History Walk: Led by El Granada resident Len Erickson.

Family Hike in Rancho Corral de Tierra: Led by the National Park Service Rangers in Spanish.

Welcome to Claudia Marshall

GCSD now has a Recreation Coordinator, Claudia Marshall, who will work exclusively in parks and recreation. Claudia brings a host of civic, technical and management skills to the Recreation Program.

She can be reached at: cmarshall@granada.ca.gov



GCSD Board Investigates Possible Community Recreation Center

At its August meeting, the GCSD Board agreed to appoint a negotiator to investigate the possibility of acquiring the old El Granada Fire Station for potential use as a GCSD Community Center. This building is desirable because of its location in “downtown” El Granada, and its proximity to the future Burnham Park (across the street). Having

Burnham Park and a Community Center together, would create a real hub for local community and recreation activities. The enclosed Survey includes questions asking your opinion on the need for a Community Center and desired features, so please be sure to complete the Survey either on paper or online. Your input is important to GCSD!

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GCSD Parks Advisory Committee (PAC) Forms Bicycle Pump Track Task Force

PAC members have been keeping abreast of San Mateo County (SMC) Parks’ communications and delayed approvals for the Quarry County Park Master Plan. The Master Plan proposal presented at the last public meeting, in April 2018, included a bicycle pump track. The GCSD Board has offered SMC Parks unspecified financial support for a bicycle pump track, and has assigned PAC to advocate for the track. At a recent Midcoast Community Council (MCC) meeting, SMC Parks acting director Peggy Jensen suggested the Quarry Park Master Plan may finally reach approval in early 2020.

ment of a County Quarry Park Pump Track proposal. This will include outreach for potential collaboration with the SMC Parks Foundation, and considerations such as the pump track size and location, critical design elements, cost estimates, permit requirements and volunteer-supported building and maintenance.



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.

If you are interested in volunteer opportunities regarding this proposal, please contact GCSD Recreation Coordinator Claudia Marshall at cmarsshall@granada.ca.gov

In August, the GCSD Board approved establishing a Pump Track Task Force led by PAC Members Paul Koelsch, Ric Barker, and Michelle Dragony, to initiate develop-



GCSD Sewer Service Charge Information

The District charges an annual flat-fee for residences connected to the public sewer system. Each fiscal year, the fee is collected on the San Mateo County tax roll, in the same manner as property taxes and other assessments. The District’s Sewer Service Charge for fiscal year 2019/20 is \$520.

The revenue raised from the Sewer Service Charge is used to pay for the costs of maintenance and operation of the District’s wastewater facilities used for the

collection, conveyance, treatment, and disposal of wastewater, including the District’s share of the cost of operation and maintenance of the Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside wastewater treatment plant facilities, and for expenditures deemed necessary to conduct District business.

For more information on the District’s Sewer Service Charge, including historical rates and detailed revenue allocation, please visit our website at granada.ca.gov.

Disposing of Wipes of all Kinds

Just because wet wipes are billed as flushable doesn't mean you should!

Flushing wipes down the toilet can clog sewer lines, cause sewer overflows, damage collection systems and cre-

ate disturbances in the wastewater treatment plant.

If you use baby wipes, disinfecting wipes or makeup-removing wipes, please place them in the trash, not in your toilet.

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About the District

The Granada Sanitary District was formed in 1958 under the California Sanitary District Act of 1923 (California Health & Safety Code Sec. 6400). 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 with the District's portion of property taxes.

The District is also responsible for the sewage collection system and its portion of the Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside sewage treatment plant for approximately 2,500 residences and businesses in the District, including 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 District. 



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