



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: July 26, 2017
TO: Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Administration Division, Parks and Recreation Department
SUBJECT: Director's Report

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission receive a presentation on the status of the various Parks and Recreation Department initiatives and activities.

DISCUSSION:

July 4th Celebration Clean-up

July 4th brings thousands of people to the beachfront to celebrate the holiday. Early the day after, the Parks Division was in full swing cleaning the beach parks of litter and debris. Parks Division staff performs many tasks including sweeping the bike path from Los Baños to Cabrillo Pavilion. Beach grooming levels out the sand berm used for the fireworks show. Approximately 42 tons of trash was removed from beaches and beach parks from Shoreline to East Beach. The Parks Division received several kudos for all its efforts.

New Champion Tree

The California Big Tree Registry recently award champion tree status to the *Afrocarpus falcatus*, African Fern Pine, located in West Alameda Plaza! The tree is 86 feet 10 inches tall, has a circumference of 158 inches and an average crown spread of 61.5 feet.

The California Big Tree Registry keeps track of the largest trees in California on their website via submissions from any interested parties: <http://californiabigtrees.calpoly.edu/>. The website currently contains 207 entries representing about 200 different species. Twenty of the champions are located within Santa Barbara and Ventura counties. Many of the champion species do not exist in Santa Barbara. The City of Santa Barbara has three champions, including:

1. *Afrocarpus falcatus*, African Fern Pine – Alameda Park, (planted 1910 by A. B. Doremus ref. Alameda Plazas and Alice Keck Park Memorial Garden Self-Guided Tree Tour 1999) - 2017 T Downey
2. *Eucalyptus cladocalyx*, Sugar Gum – Mission Rose Garden - 2015 Matt Ritter
3. *Hymenosporum flavum*, Sweetshade Tree – Diblee Ave street tree, ('Hayward Hymenosporum' planted 1904 by William R. Hayward ref. Trees of Santa Barbara 1948) – 2015 Randy Baldwin

Mission Rose Garden Volunteer Event – Tuesday August 1, 2017

The Department and the Santa Barbara Rose Society will host a volunteer event to tidy up the A. C. Postel Memorial Rose Garden in preparation for Old Spanish Days festivities. It is scheduled for Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to enjoy some pre-Fiesta entertainment, as the dress rehearsal for some of the Old Spanish Days music and dancing will be taking place nearby! Volunteers will need to wear long sleeve shirts and closed-toe shoes and bring pruning shears and gardening gloves. A five-gallon bucket is optional but will help with the disposal of leafy debris. Tasks include light weeding and deadheading the rose bushes.

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