



## CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** January 24, 2018  
**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 (Department) initiatives and activities.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

##### Chase Palm Park Carousel Carnival

On Saturday, December 2, the Santa Barbara community bid farewell to Chase Palm Park's historic carousel with a free family fun day featuring traditional carnival booths and free carousel rides for all. Hosted by the Department in collaboration with Historic Carousels, the carnival was hugely popular with more than 2,000 attending and 2,884 riding the carousel over Saturday and Sunday.

The historic Allan Herschell Three-Abreast Carousel, built in 1916 and extensively restored in 1997, came to the Chase Palm Park Expansion in 1999. Prior to arriving in Santa Barbara, the carousel was housed in San Diego. Although the building that houses the carousel and the surrounding park lands are City-owned, the carousel itself is owned and operated by Historic Carousels, Inc., a private company, based in Hood River, Oregon. The 40-foot carousel's hand-carved horses and carriages have delighted children and families for the better part of the past two decades. With the 20-year lease with the City nearing completion, Historic Carousels removed the carousel on December 7, and transported it to Hood River for installation in a dedicated museum of historically-significant carousels.

##### Annual Rose Pruning

The Parks Division held the annual public rose pruning event at the A.C. Postel Memorial Rose Garden (Rose Garden) on Saturday, January 13, 2018 from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. The Rose Garden has 1,600 roses and over 200 varieties to be pruned. Forty volunteers

assisted Department staff in pruning 65 percent of the Rose Garden. The Santa Barbara Rose Society provided refreshments and rosarian Dan Bifano assisted with the pruning, showing volunteers how to prune roses correctly to obtain a proper shape and to produce maximum blooms throughout the year.

### Santa Barbara Golf Club 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Santa Barbara Golf Club (Golf Club) celebrates its 60th year in 2018. Popularly known as "Muni", the Golf Club has been providing residents and visitors access to high quality, affordable golf since 1958. Built on the site of Ovington Air Terminal, the first official air field in Santa Barbara, and subsequently the location for Hoff General Hospital during World War II, the land was purchased by the City of Santa Barbara in 1956. The golf course was designed by Lawrence Marion Hughes, and construction commenced on September 19, 1956.

The Golf Club opened its doors on January 11, 1958 by hosting the first of many successful and enjoyable tournaments. Although many changes have occurred over the last 60 years, the Golf Club has remained consistent in its mission to be an affordable place to socialize, play golf and have fun. Today, the Santa Barbara Golf Club is home to three high school golf teams, Santa Barbara City College golf teams, two Men's clubs, two Women's Clubs, many youth and junior programs, and of many local avid, competitive, and recreational golfers of all ages and abilities.

To celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> year of operations, a number of events will occur throughout the year with the Mayor initiating the 60<sup>th</sup> year with a proclamation on January 23, 2018. The Golf Club will also be hosting a Dollar Day in April where Greens Fees will be \$1! This will be a really fun event, with the hope of having a record number of golfers on the course that day.

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