



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT**

**AGENDA DATE:** January 23, 2019

**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:**

Annual Rose Garden Pruning

The Parks Division will hold the annual public rose pruning event at the A.C. Postel Memorial Rose Garden (Rose Garden) on Saturday, January 19, 2018 from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. Located in Mission Historical Park, the Rose Garden has 1,600 rose bushes and over 200 varieties. Volunteers have assisted Parks staff in pruning the Rose Garden for at least 40 years. Each year, the Department provides gloves, disinfectants for cleaning tools, sharpeners for clippers, and tarps to haul away clippings. The Santa Barbara Rose Society provides refreshments. Rosarian Dan Bifano assists with the pruning, showing volunteers how to prune roses correctly to obtain a proper shape and to produce maximum blooms throughout the year. There will be six Parks staff supporting the event to guide volunteers, prune roses, and haul away clippings.

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