



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: August 28, 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:

Day of Caring

The 28th annual United Way Day of Caring, a community workday where more than 1,200 local volunteers will help over 50 charitable organizations, schools, churches and community centers dedicated to community service in Santa Barbara County, will take place on Saturday, September 14. This year, Day of Caring volunteers will be working on two Department sites: Skater's Point Skate Park, where volunteers will prep and paint the interior and exterior walls, and the Yanonali Community Garden, where volunteers will weed pathways and planter beds, turn over soil, install weed fabric, and spread mulch. Volunteers are needed at both locations. To find out more and sign up, visit unitedwaysb.org/dayofcaring or call (805) 965-8591.

Fall Activities Guide/Free Classes Week

The Department's Fall Activities Guide was mailed to local households this month and is available at our facilities and online at SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Activities. Included on the back cover is the schedule for Free Classes Week, running from September 16 to 21. Free Classes Week is an opportunity for the public to participate in recreation activities at the Carrillo Recreation Center free of charge before committing to a full six-week session. Children's classes include Little Dragons Kung Fu and Youth Ballet, while classes for adults range from Argentine Tango to the new lunchtime Fitness at the Rec program. Senior activities are featured as well, from the popular Stretch and Tone classes to ping pong.

Mission Historical Park Olive Tree Planting

The Department and the Santa Barbara Garden Club (Garden Club) are working together to plant new olive trees in Mission Historical Park in honor of the Garden Club's centennial. Nineteen trees, known by the Garden Club as the Victory Trees, were likely planted in 1919 and honored the end of World War I. The project includes the planting of five new olive trees, replacement of an existing interpretive sign, and relocation of an existing boulder with a plaque commemorating the initial tree planting. Grant funds from the Garden Club will cover the cost of the archaeology report, interpretive sign, and tree purchase and installation. The trees will be watered using irrigades, similar to those on Anapamu Street for the Italian Stone Pines. The Department will oversee project implementation with tree planting tentatively scheduled for late September/early October followed by the installation of a new interpretive sign.

PREPARED BY: Jill E. Zachary, Parks and Recreation Director