



# Parks and Recreation Commission Staff Report

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Item 6

**SUBJECT: PARKS MAINTENANCE DIVISION QUARTERLY REPORT FOR JULY, AUGUST, AND SEPTEMBER 2009**

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## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

It is recommended that the Parks and Recreation Commission receive and comment.

## **SUMMARY**

Routine maintenance activities for the third quarter included weekly turf mowing and bimonthly turf edging, weekly play area safety inspections, irrigation system repairs and adjustments to programming, and field maintenance activities in support of organized soccer tournaments and play. Turf fertilizer was applied in early July and mid September as scheduled. Fall turf aeration began in mid September at Bernal Community Park and Val Vista Community Park. Parks staff devoted 45 hours to the repair of vandalized park components and 35 hours to the removal of graffiti during this period.

The City's tree trimming vendor, West Coast Arborist (WCA), spent all of the third quarter working in Districts 5 and 6 (east and west of Hopyard Road from Valley Avenue north to West Las Positas Road). The street median maintenance contractor, Tree Sculpture, Inc., remained on schedule through much of the third quarter performing trimming and weed control activities in the street median areas. As a result of the additional maintenance acreage of Bernal Community Park and no increase to staffing levels, the weekly turf mowing in Area 5 is now performed by contract. Sycamore Landscaping, Inc. began weekly mowing in this area on August 19, 2009, and there have been no problems with this transition.

Project work this quarter consisted of renovation of Girls Softball Fields 6 and 7 and the adjacent storage building at Sports and Recreation Community Park; renovation of a small center street median on Hopyard Road near 580 Interchange; the replacement of the sport wall at Creekside Park; resurfacing of basketball courts at Nielsen, Meadows, Creekside, and Hansen parks; and turf renovation at Amador Valley Community Park resulting from hosting summer swim meets and Shakespeare in the Park. Project inspection work continued at Bernal Community Park and the Marilyn Murphy Kane Trail until acceptance of both in early September. Annual tree inventory update was completed in August.

Work at Callippe Preserve Golf Course focused on routine summer maintenance activities including mowing, frequent fertilization, and aggressive management of irrigation water. Annual dewatering of the main creek which drains into Happy Valley Creek from the Golf Course began in early August. This task is performed in the late summer for approximately 45 days. Drying-out the creek for this short period is a requirement of the Golf Course's environmental mission to create a favorable habitat for the Red-legged frog.

Parks staffing remained consistent throughout the entire quarter, with one (1) employee on limited lifting restriction.

Listed below are highlights of additional work performed by Parks staff for the third quarter of 2009:

## **Park Areas**

### **Alviso Adobe Community Park**

- Relocated topsoil and wood chip mulch to garden area to assist Naturalist with project.

### **Amador Valley Community Park**

- Adjusted irrigation for construction of Shakespeare in the Park stage.
- Renovated turf after Shakespeare in the Park.
- Performed intensive weekly cleaning of large picnic area.
- Installed new bike rack at Gingerbread Preschool.
- Removed and replaced two (2) damaged Redwood trees.
- Removed two (2) declining Pine trees along Black Avenue.
- Repaired fencing damaged by vehicle accident.
- Installed new Chinese Pistache tree in barbeque area.

### **Amaral Park**

- Repaired irrigation booster pump.
- Replaced vandalized turf sprinklers.
- Installed 600 square feet of replacement sod at two (2) backstop locations.

### **Bernal Community Park**

- Accepted Park for maintenance on September 2, 2009.
- Fertilized turf.
- Re-seeded native grass fescue areas.
- Cleaned sidewalks, site furnishings and play area.
- Initial preparation of ball field infields; lay-out of infields, setting of base pegs, bases, fine grading of infield clay.
- Aerated turf, applied turf fungicide.

### **Bicentennial Park**

- Replaced six (6) irrigation valves.
- Replaced 28 turf sprinklers.

### **Civic Park**

- Installed new mulch in planter areas.

### **Creekside Park**

- Removed and replaced sport wall.
- Resurfaced basketball and sport wall pavement area.
- Repaired bollard at park entrance.

### **Delucchi Park**

- Installed wood chip mulch in planter areas.

### **Fairlands Park**

- Removed five (5) declining trees.
- Installed new tennis court net.
- Removed graffiti from play equipment.

### **Fawn Hills Park**

- Installed wood chip mulch in planter areas.

### **Kottinger Community Park**

- Installed wood chip mulch in planter areas.

### **Kottinger Village Park**

- Installed wood chip mulch in planter areas.
- Removed dead Plum tree.

### **Hansen Park**

- Resurfaced basketball court pavement.

### **Laurel Creek Park**

- Removed graffiti from picnic tables.

### **Lions Wayside Park**

- Replaced damaged drinking fountain.

### **Meadowlark Park**

- Replaced 18 vandalized sprinkler head.

### **Meadows Park**

- Resurfaced basketball and sport court pavement.
- Removed graffiti from exercise equipment and sport wall.

### **Mission Hills Park**

- Installed wood chip mulch in planter areas.
- Installed 20 replacement plants in planter areas.
- Removed two (2) dead redbud trees.

### **Moller Park**

- Repaired vandalized drinking fountain.
- Repaired damaged irrigation valve wires.

### **Muirwood Community Park**

- Removed wind damaged Acacia tree.

### **Nielson Park**

- Resurfaced basketball court pavement.
- Repaired vandalized sprinklers, drinking fountain, and play equipment.
- Removed graffiti.
- Repaired leaking irrigation backflow.
- Repaired irrigation controller.

### **Orloff Park**

- Removed two (2) wind damaged Eucalyptus trees.
- Removed graffiti on play equipment.
- Replaced bubble wall panel on play equipment.

### **Owens Plaza Park**

- Removed two (2) declining trees.

### **Sports and Recreation Community Park**

- Renovated Girl's Softball Fields 6 and 7, including new backstops, dug-outs, and bleacher areas.
- Removed and rebuilt storage building adjacent Girl's Softball Field 7.
- Aerated and reseeded all soccer goal boxes and sidelines after summer soccer tournaments.
- Replaced 13 irrigation valves.
- Installed 80 yards of wood chip mulch around base of trees.

- Began renovation of hardball/softball infield interface areas on 19 fields; work included removal of overgrown turf areas, removal of clay, installation of soil, re-establishment of proper turf arc line.
- Applied “extra” application of fertilizer to soccer fields.

### **Sutter Gate Park**

- Repaired irrigation controller.
- Repaired broken irrigation line.
- Performed grinding of pathway to eliminate small trip hazards.

### **Tawny Park**

- Removed dead Maple tree.
- Installed wood chip mulch in planter areas.

### **Tennis and Community Park**

- Installed two (2) new drain lines to assist with the drainage of water from courts 3 and 4.

### **Valley Trails Park**

- Repaired irrigation mainline break.
- Installed wood chip mulch in tree basins.

### **Val Vista Community Park**

- Repaired vandalized control valves and wiring to water play area.
- Removed two (2) dead trees.

### **Vintage Hills Park**

- Removed dead Chinese Pistache tree.

### **Walnut Grove Park**

- Removed dead Oak tree.

## **Additional Parks Division Areas of Responsibility:**

### **Main Street**

- Removed and replaced two (2) Locust trees on Main Street.
- Removed and replaced Ash tree on Saint Johns Street.
- Replanted annual color plants in Main Street color bowls.

### **Trails and Open Space**

- Performed ground squirrel abatement measures on Bernal Property, west side parcel near Kane Trail.
- Accepted Kane Trail for maintenance.

- Installed four (4) new bollards and signage on Kane Trail.
- Cleared from trail three (3) fallen Oak trees at Augustin Bernal Park.
- Cleared 40 drain swales at Augustin Bernal Park.
- Installed new trail signage at north and south end of temporary trail segment between Bernal Community Park and Bernal Avenue.

### **Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery**

- Ongoing control of ground squirrels.
- Continued weekly site clean-up, irrigation system maintenance, and broadleaf weed control.

### **Roadway Median Areas**

- Renovated Hopyard Road center median at 580 Interchange.
- Repaired or replaced 145 irrigation sprinkler heads.
- Repaired or replaced 14 irrigation valves.
- Repaired 13 irrigation line breaks.
- Replaced 20 backflow covers.
- Installed over 150 yards of wood chip mulch in various street median areas.

## **BACKGROUND**

At the end of each quarter, Parks Maintenance Division submits a report for informational purposes which summarizes the recent quarter's activities. The intent of the report is to inform the Commission of the general nature of ongoing maintenance activities for the period, project work, and unusual occurrences which impacted the Division's workload during the time period.

## **ALTERNATIVE ACTION**

To be recommended by the Commission.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact.

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