



Parks Department **OPERATIONS REPORT**

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2009

LLAD Crew Busy Throughout EDH

Turf in the Landscape and Lighting Assessment Districts was fertilized during May and June,

reported Leadworker **Terry Halvorson**. The CSD's landscape maintenance contractor is in the process of pruning shrubs in all the LLADs. Supervisor **Phil Stamborsky** sprayed the rosemary in several locations due to a spittle bug infestation.

In addition to the usual springtime irrigation re-



pair and maintenance, some of the systems were upgraded. Improvements in the irrigation systems were made in *Fairchild Park* and several landscape areas including *North Commercial*, *Silva Valley*, *Stonegate*, *Lake Forest* and *Green Valley Hills*.

Fence repair and painting were completed along *Silva Valley Parkway*. A large tree had to be removed due to major limb failure in *Bass Lake A*.

The LLADs along the major roadways continue to be victims of hit-and-run vehicle damage, requiring repair and replacement of landscaping. On May 8, a vehicle destroyed a tree, shrubs and irrigation on El Dorado Hills Blvd. On May 12, several large bushes and some irrigation were ruined by another vehicle.

Athletic Fields Ready

Now that school is out, the summer sport programs are in full swing at Promontory Park. The soccer camps, flag football, and softball will be going until November.

In May, the Athletic Fields crew started a turf renovation at *Rolling Hills Middle School's* 5-acre multi-use field.

On all fields, the crew is checking the irrigation daily and is continuing the ongoing turf program.

Construction on *Deputy Jeff Mitchell Field* is almost done and "looking great," said Parks Supervisor **Gino Sciandri**.

The East Field at the El Dorado Hills Community Park is ready for summertime ballgames.



Facilities Experience Heavy Summer Use

In May, members of the Facilities Crew had their hands full with power outages at the *Community Park* that caused some unanticipated problems for the *Community Pool*, air conditioning units and commercial freezer.

The Facilities Crew wrestled with some technical glitches in the spray ground at *Bertelsen Park*, which experiences a high volume of usage during the summer. Repairs

were made to both the *Community Pool* and the spray ground at *Bertelsen Park*.

Oak Knoll Pool was emptied in May in anticipation of its removal.

Vinyl flooring was replaced in the *Community Activities Building* Snack Bar and Double Classroom, and the *Fisher Building* was re-carpeted.

The Facilities Crew provided sup-

port to the Recreation Department in repainting the Double Classroom, and installed new window blinds.

The Facilities Crew routinely sets up for and cleans up after such regularly-scheduled monthly events as Rotary Club meetings, Design Review Committee, CSD Board Meetings, etc. In addition, the crew in May and June staffed a number of rentals that included large-scale events.



The Parks Department co-hosted a public water waste workshop with EID on June 8 in the Pavilion.

Parks Department Supervises Scout Projects

Under supervision of Construction Inspector **Darrah Ramsbotham**, **Tyler Vance** is working on an Eagle Scout project for Deputy Jeff Mitchell Field. He will install a small grass area with trees near the ball field seating area.

Phil Stamborsky is supervising a Girl Scout project to enhance Wild Oaks Park. The Girl Scouts, led by **Nancy Sianez**, will install native plants in the fall, add identification signs for the trees and shrubs, and build and install bird houses.

Vandals Strike at Community Park and Again at Stephen Harris

Vandals slashed tires on the new Teen Center Van, which was parked in the *Community Park* lot. All four tires had to be replaced.

Vandals again painted graffiti on the wall at *Stephen Harris Tennis Courts Park*, for the second time this year.

There also was an occurrence of

“tagging” on the east wall of the *Community Pool* pump room, which was repainted by staff.

The sidewalk at *Bass Lake A* was tagged with graffiti. Irrigation hardware in the *Oakridge* and *Francisco Oaks LLADs* was destroyed by vandals.



Grffiti in Stephen Harris Tennis Courts Park, again.

Construction News: Promontory Phase II

Promontory Park Phase II is expected to open the first week in July, Construction Inspector **Darrah Ramsbotham** reports. The covered picnic area includes ten picnic tables with benches, plus one large and two small barbecues. The new playground equipment includes shade canopies, and the water play area has a variety of fun water features and butterfly-shaped awnings to keep the kids cool while they play.

The District has several projects that will begin construction soon. Bids on *Stephen Harris Tennis Courts Park Phase II* and the *El Dorado Hills Boulevard Streetscape Project* are due July 14. *Stephen Harris Phase II* includes a new paved parking area on the west

side of the park, plus playground and tennis court improvements. The *Streetscape Project* will provide additional landscaping along El Dorado Hills Boulevard between St. Andrews Drive and Green Valley Road.

The *Harvard Way Parking Lot Project* is expected to begin construction this summer. This new parking lot across from Oak Ridge High School is a joint venture with the El Dorado Union High School District. The lot will provide approximately 138 additional parking spaces for the CSD and the high school. Many of the existing trees will remain, along with new landscaping and pathways.



Jeff Mitchell Field construction is proceeding. The Grand Opening is scheduled August 29.

Staff Training

The Parks Department held pesticide training in June for all employees who might come in contact with pesticides while performing their duties. The training was conducted by the Parks Supervisors.

The Parks Department staff also received sexual harassment training.

Dave Luckscheider, Kent Malonson, Earl Kreger, and Rey Tapia attended on-site training provided by Knorr Systems related to chemical testing and mechanics of the Community Pool and the water play features in the parks.

Mike Grassle conducted training for the Parks staff in June on how to safely sweat copper pipe. **Gino Sciandri** conducted safety training in May on heat stress.



Promontory Park Phase II has a picnic area, playground and water play features.

Parks Department Staffs Special Events

In addition to their usual duties, the Parks Department staff assists with District-wide special events organized by the CSD. In May, the LLAD crew assisted with the Community Cleanup Day. The Parks Supervi-

sors rotate responsibility for providing staff to assist with the summer concerts in the Community Park, and all Parks maintenance employees participate.

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Staff Updates ...

Kent Malonson assumed duties as the Parks Supervisor for Facilities at the end of May. Welcome new Facilities part-time employee Kyle Mathson, and new on-call employees Dan Battany and Joe Padilla. Thank you to Parks Supervisor Dave Luckscheider for serving as Acting Facilities Supervisor during May. "It was a busy month for a short-handed crew," Dave said. "Thanks to the Facilities staff for their extra hard work and time, and to Recreation Supervisor Teri Gotro and her aquatics staff for all the help provided at the pool."

Welcome back Eric Mayes and Nathan Martinez, who returned this summer to the Parks Crew seasonal staff. Eric works primarily with irrigation, and Nate staffs the parks on weekends and works with irrigation.

Parks Crew Keeps the Parks Running During Busy Summer

Upgrades at *McCabe Park* were completed with installation of an irrigation controller that can be programmed from the Internet. Additional improvements were made to the park's irrigation system and the landscape lighting was enhanced.

Irrigation repairs are now "job one" for neighborhood parks personnel, said Parks Supervisor **Dave Luckscheider**.

The landscape maintenance contractor finished fertilizing the turf in the neighborhood parks. In addition, weed abatement was

completed at all neighborhood parks and native areas for fire safety as required by the Fire Department.

The Parks crew replaced several leaf blowers and added a hand-held one.

The Parks Crew continued its regular playground inspections and repairs during May and June. A replacement slide was ordered for *Creekside Greens Park* playground.

In response to questions from the public asking why sprinklers sometimes run in the parks during the day, one reason is that testing is

being conducted to ensure that the irrigation systems are working properly. With 16 parks, it sometimes is necessary to conduct these tests when some people are in the parks.

Parks Supervisor Dave Luckscheider welds broken picnic benches from Stephen Harris Tennis Courts Park.

