



CITY OF GILROY

PARKS AND RECREATION
COMMISSION



SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2026 | 6:00 PM

CITY CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
7351 ROSANNA STREET, GILROY, CA 95020

Chair: Javier Martinez

Vice Chair: Emily Miller

Commissioners: Luis Ramirez, Jesse Jimenez, Salvatore Bozzo, Andrew Brinton, and Greg Felios

Staff Liaison: Public Works Director John Doughty

Mission Statement

The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Gilroy is committed to enhancing the quality of life for its citizens by promoting planning, acquisition, development, and sustainability of parks, trails, cultural, historical and other recreational areas. The commission embraces wellness and recreation, park safety, and inclusiveness for all ages and abilities because Parks Make Life Better.



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The agenda for this special meeting is as follows:

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. FLAG SALUTE**
 - 3.1. Vice Chair Miller to lead the flag salute**
- 4. SECRETARY'S REPORT**
 - 4.1. Agenda posted March 18, 2026**
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - 5.1. Approval of the Minutes from the February 3, 2026, special meeting and the March 4, 2026, special meeting**
- 6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
 - 6.1. Approval of Agenda for March 24, 2026 special meeting**
- 7. INTRODUCTIONS**
- 8. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
 - 8.1. This time has been set aside for the public to address the Commission on items that are NOT on this Agenda. The Commission may not act upon these comments at this meeting, other than to provide directions to staff to review the comments and return to them at a future meeting. ALL speakers should submit a speaker's slip to the Secretary before this portion of the meeting and prepare a presentation not to exceed three (3) minutes.**
- 9. NEW BUSINESS**
 - 9.1. Civic Center Master Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Report Update**
 - 9.2. Update of Las Animas (Oaks) Restroom Installation**
 - 9.3. Discussion and Recommendation Closure of El Roble Tennis Courts**
 - 9.4. Discussion and Recommendation on Potential Reopening of the Wayland and Hanna Parking Lots at Las Animas Veterans Park**

- 9.5. Update on Maintenance Efforts at Los Arroyos Park
- 9.6. Discussion and Possible Action to Affirm Formal Parks and Recreation Commission tabling at:

- Traffic Safety, E-Bike, and Pedestrian Awareness Night - March 27, 2026
- Earth Day Events — San Ysidro Park and Christmas Hill Park
- Arbor Day at Sunrise Park — April 22, 2026
- Día de los Niños - April 30, 2026
- PW Works Week Community Event — May 20, 2026
- Halloween Run
- Thursday Night Live
- Cinco de Mayo
- Coffee in the Park (Around the City)

10. OLD BUSINESS

- 10.1. NONE

11. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- 11.1. Public Works Park Maintenance and Operations Updates
- 11.2. Recreation Division Updates
- 11.3. Parks CIP Updates

12. COMMISSIONER PARK REPORTS & COMMENTS

- 12.1. Commissioners may provide brief informational reports regarding parks, meetings attended, or community events related to Commission business. In accordance with the Brown Act, no action will be taken. Matters may be referred to staff or requested for placement on a future agenda.

- Chair Martínez - Rainbow, Los Arroyos, Las Ánimas
- Vice Chair Miller - Cydney Casper, Gilroy Sports, Christmas Hill/Ranch Site
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13. DIRECTOR REPORT

14. FUTURE COMMISSIONER INITIATED ITEMS

15. ADJOURNMENT

**City of Gilroy
Parks and Recreation Commission
Special Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2026 | 6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Luis Ramirez called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM, noting the presence of a quorum and welcoming Commissioners, staff, and members of the public.

2. ROLL CALL

Attendance	Attendee Name
Present	Javier Martinez, Chair Emily Miller, Vice Chair Luis Ramirez, Commissioner Andrew Brinton, Commissioner Greg Felios, Commissioner Salvatore Bozzo, Commissioner
Absent	Jesse Jimenez, Commissioner

3. FLAG SALUTE

Chair Ramirez led the Pledge of Allegiance

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary reported that the meeting agenda and packet were posted on January 30, 2026, in compliance with the Brown Act.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1 Approval of the Minutes from the November 18, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Chair Ramirez requested clarification regarding language in the **November 18, 2025** meeting minutes related to outreach efforts and grant activation timing. Commissioners discussed whether the language accurately reflected prior intent and direction.

Commissioners confirmed that the language was consistent with the Commission's discussion and intent at the time of approval.

Motion: Approve the November 18, 2025 meeting minutes as written.

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Commissioner Bozzo

SECONDER: Commissioner Brinton

AYES: Chair Ramirez, Vice Chair Martinez, Commissioners Miller, Felios

ABSENT: Commissioner Jimenez

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6.1 Approval of February 3, 2026, Parks and Recreation Commission Special meeting agenda

The Commission reviewed the agenda for the February 3, 2026 meeting.

Motion: Approve the February 3, 2026 agenda as presented

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Commissioner Felios

SECONDER: Commissioner Miller

AYES: Chair Ramirez, Vice Chair Martinez, Commissioners Bozzo, Brinton

ABSENT: Commissioner Jimenez

7. INTRODUCTIONS

Commissioner Andrew Brinton

Commissioner Brinton introduced himself as a long-time Gilroy resident and educator who teaches math and science. He shared that he lives near several City parks, regularly uses park facilities with his family, and is interested in contributing to park planning, maintenance oversight, and long-term improvements.

Commissioner Greg Felios

Commissioner Felios introduced himself as a Gilroy resident and retired public health professional. He described his extensive involvement in community service, school district meetings, and volunteer work, and expressed enthusiasm for learning more about Parks and Recreation operations and supporting future initiatives.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Malachi Diaz addressed the Commission regarding a proposed disc golf pilot concept at Christmas Hill Park. He described the proposal as a low-impact, safety-focused recreational use designed to avoid conflicts with existing park amenities. He requested future agenda placement and staff coordination to explore feasibility, design constraints, and pilot implementation.

Chair Ramirez thanked the speaker and reminded attendees that the Commission is unable to discuss non-agendized items during public comment but noted that the comments would be considered for future action.

Action Item / Follow-Up:

Staff to meet with the project proponent to discuss feasibility, site constraints, safety considerations, and review process, and return with an informational update at a future Commission meeting.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Selection of Chair and Vice Chair

Chair Ramirez explained that Commission leadership positions are one-year terms and outlined the nomination process.

Chair Election

Commissioner Javier Martinez was nominated for Chair by Commissioner Ramirez and seconded by Commissioner Bozzo. The nomination was accepted noting that he would ask for collaboration by the former Chair and the Commission due to his work and potential conflicts with outreach events.

RESULT: Elected by roll-call vote (6–0; Commissioner Jimenez absent).

Vice Chair Election

Commissioner Emily Miller was nominated by Chair Martinez and seconded by Commissioner Ramirez for Vice Chair.

RESULT: Unanimously elected by voice vote.

Action Item / Follow-Up:

Staff to update Commission records, website listings, and future agendas to reflect on the newly elected Chair and Vice Chair.

9.2 Commissioner Parks Assignments

Chair Martinez led discussion regarding park adoption assignments, explaining that Commissioners are encouraged to periodically visit assigned parks and report observations, concerns, and successes to the Commission.

Commissioners discussed proximity, workload balance, and the value of shared oversight for larger or higher-use parks.

Parks Assignments:

Chair Martinez – Rainbow, Los Arroyos, Las Animas
Vice Chair Miller – Cydney Casper, Gilroy Sports, Christmas Hill/Ranch Site
Commissioner Bozzo – Carriage Hill, Gateway, Prieto
Commissioner Brinton – Gilroy Sports, Las Animas, El Roble
Commissioner Felios – Del Rey, Christmas Hill/Ranch Site, Hecker Pass
Commissioner Jimenez – Farrell, Forest, San Ysidro
Commissioner Ramirez – Miller, Butcher, Renz

Action Items / Follow-Ups:

- Staff to finalize and publish park assignments on future agendas.
- Commissioners to conduct site visits and prepare reports for the March regular meeting.

9.3 Update on Parks and Recreational Trails Master Plan

Staff reviewed City Council's approval of \$310,000 for consultant services for preparation of the Parks and Recreational Trails Master Plan and summarized revisions to the draft Request for Proposals (RFP).

Discussion focused on documenting existing park assets, replacement value, capital prioritization, and the inclusion of paved recreational trails as linear parks. Commissioners emphasized the importance of aligning the plan with existing documents and community needs.

Commissioner Miller recommended including the 2018 Safe Routes to School plan as reference material. Commissioners Martinez, Brinton, and Felios expressed support for a comprehensive and data-driven approach.

Action Items / Follow-Ups:

- Staff to incorporate reference documents where appropriate.
- Item to return on the March regular meeting agenda for Commission input.
- Staff to plan for Commissioner participation in consultant interviews.

9.4 Park Hours and Security Services

Staff reviewed park hours established under City Code Chapter 18 and provided comparative examples from neighboring jurisdictions. Discussion included lighting, security, enforcement practices, and seasonal usage patterns.

Commissioners Martinez, Bozzo, and Felios expressed interest in evaluating whether current regulations remain appropriate given community use, safety concerns, and operational considerations.

Action Items / Follow-Ups:

- Staff continue evaluating park hours and safety provisions.
- Bring comparative options and potential ordinance revisions back to the Commission for discussion as part of the FY27 work plan

9.5 Setting date for February Special Meeting

The Commission agreed to hold a special meeting dedicated exclusively to development of the Commission's work plan.

Action Item / Follow-Up:

Special Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at 6:00 PM

10. OLD BUSINESS

10.1 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Schedule

Direction: Move agenda item to the March 4, 2026 special meeting for further discussion

11. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

11.1 Public Works Park Maintenance and Operations Updates

Staff provided updates on restroom replacements, playground shade installations, irrigation repairs, sidewalk hazard mitigation, and encampment abatement.

Commissioners Felios and Brinton noted visible improvements across multiple parks and thanked staff for responsiveness and coordination.

Action Items / Follow-Ups:

- Continue coordination on maintenance and safety priorities.
- Complete sidewalk and trip-hazard repairs.

11.2 Recreation Division Updates

Staff provided updates on adaptive programs, aquatics services, senior programming, special events, and youth basketball operations.

Commissioner Miller requested that participation data be reviewed if feasible to better understand geographic reach and program demand.

Action Items / Follow-Ups:

- Recreation staff to explore youth basketball participation mapping.
- Consider a future agenda item highlighting recreation programming.

11.3 Parks CIP Updates

Staff reported progress on pickleball courts, playground improvements, and other capital projects.

Commissioners Martinez and Ramirez requested continued updates as projects advance.

Action Items / Follow-Ups:

- Post updated project information to the City's CIP webpage.
- Provide updates at the March regular meeting.

12. COMMISSIONER PARK REPORTS & COMMENTS

12.1 Bozzo - Carriage Hills, Gateway, Miller

Jimenez - Farrel, Forest, San Ysidro

Martinez - Rainbow, Los Arroyos, Las Animas, Gilroy Little League

Miller - Cydney Casper, Del Ray, Gilroy Sports

Ramirez - Butcher, El Roble, Renz, Sunrise

Commissioners made the following comments:

Commissioner Bozzo

Carriage Hills Park: Lawn generally in good condition; possible gopher activity observed.

Gateway Park: Overall satisfactory condition, no flowers currently.

Miller: Damp turf and cleat damage near the Bounce House sign; turf recovery recommended.

Action Item:

Staff to evaluate turf and drainage conditions.

Commissioner Martinez

Los Arroyos Park: Sidewalk repairs progressing well.

Las Animas Park: New basketball backboards installed; standing water observed in the lower-tier playground area following recent rainfall.

Rainbow Park: Clean and well maintained.

Action Item:

Monitor drainage at Las Animas Park, particularly in the lower playground area.

Commissioner Miller

Gilroy Sports Park: Restrooms have reopened and irrigation maintenance activity was observed.

Del Rey Park: Standing water and oversaturated turf were noted; irrigation adjustments appear to be underway.

Cydney Casper Park: High community use continues, and overall park conditions remain good.

Action Item:

Continue irrigation monitoring and adjustment at Del Rey Park.

Commissioner Ramirez

Sports Park (co-visit): Chair Ramirez noted positive overall park conditions and strong community activity. He acknowledged visible maintenance improvements and expressed appreciation for staff responsiveness in addressing park needs.

Miller Area: turf conditions - echoed concerns regarding damp turf and cleat-related wear in high-use areas, emphasizing the importance of monitoring drainage and recovery to maintain safe playing surfaces.

Park maintenance responsiveness: recent improvements across several parks demonstrate effective coordination between Commissioners and Public Works staff, reinforcing the value of the park reporting process.

13. DIRECTORS REORT

13.1 Update on upcoming Joint City/GUSED meeting

- Doughty provided a series of updates related to ongoing Parks and Recreation coordination efforts, safety initiatives, and upcoming projects.
- Also, reported that joint discussions with the school district are continuing regarding shared facility use and coordination opportunities. Commissioners were informed that collaboration efforts remain active, with an emphasis on balancing community access, operational considerations, and safety.
- Doughty provided an overview of pedestrian and park safety efforts, noting that recent community concerns have reinforced the importance of education, coordination, and proactive communication. Staff indicated that safety awareness initiatives remain a priority moving forward.

13.2 Update on San Ysidro Story walk Project

An update was provided on the San Ysidro Story walk project, including coordination with partner agencies and anticipated next steps toward installation and implementation. Staff indicated that timeline refinement is ongoing.

13.3 Recreation Assessment

Commissioners acknowledged the importance of continued collaboration with partner agencies and emphasized the value of safety education and community engagement as these initiatives move forward.

Action Items / Follow-Ups

- Continue coordination efforts related to joint use discussions and pedestrian safety initiatives.
- Return to the Commission with updated timeline information for the San Ysidro Story Walk project.
- Advance the Recreation Assessment consultant contract for City Council consideration.

14. Future Commissioner Initiated Items

- None

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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Special Meeting Minutes
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3. FLAG SALUTE

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4. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary reported that the meeting agenda and packet were posted on February 27, 2026, in compliance with the Brown Act.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

NONE

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6.1 Approval of March 4, 2026, Parks and Recreation Commission Special meeting agenda

The Commission reviewed the agenda for the February 3, 2026 meeting.

Motion: Approve the March 4, 2026 agenda as presented

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Chair Martinez

SECONDER: Commissioner Ramirez

AYES: Commissioner Felios, Commissioner Martinez, Commissioners Bozzo, Commissioner Brinton, Vice Chair Miller

ABSENT: Commissioner Jimenez

7. INTRODUCTIONS

NONE

8. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Jan Guthrie – AAUW Gilroy

Jan Guthrie invited the Commission to attend the Gilroy Earth Day event scheduled for April 18, 2026. The event will be hosted by the American Association of University Women (AAUW) and community partners. Final location details will be announced soon.

Dave Lieberman – Community Member

Dave Lieberman expressed interest in hosting youth baseball and softball tournaments in Gilroy. He noted the potential benefits of improving fields at Las Animas Park and Christmas Hill Park to attract regional tournaments and increase community engagement.

9. NEW BUSINESS

NONE

10. OLD BUSINESS

10.1 Approval of Calendar Year 2026 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Schedule, including discussion of date or March meeting

Chair Martinez reported that several commissioners would be unavailable for the regularly scheduled March 17 meeting.

John Doughty suggested moving the meeting to March 24 to ensure a quorum.

Commissioners discussed scheduling conflicts and agreed that rescheduling the meeting would allow greater participation. Chair Martinez moved to approve the 2026 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting schedule with the March meeting moved to March 24, 2026.

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Chair Martinez

SECONDER: Commissioner Ramirez

AYES: Commissioner Felios, Commissioner Martinez, Commissioners Bozzo, Commissioner Brinton, Vice Chair Miller

ABSENT: Commissioner Jimenez

10.2 Review of current work FY 26-27 work program

John Doughty provided an overview of the Commission's work plan aligned with the City's biennial budget. Updates included:

- Parks and Recreation Master Plan
 - City Council has approved funding.
 - The City will soon issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to hire a consultant.
- Pickleball Courts
 - Funding has been approved and construction planning is underway at Las Animas Veterans Park.
- Community Engagement

- The Commission has participated in community events and outreach activities.

10.2.1 Discussion regarding potential revisions/additions to the FY 27 work program

Commissioners discussed continuing and expanding outreach efforts through community events and activities, including:

- Earth Day
- Arbor Day
- Bike to Wherever Day
- Cinco de Mayo
- Community cleanup events
- Coffee in the park

Commissioners also discussed hosting “Coffee in the Park” events to gather feedback from residents regarding park conditions and recreational needs.

John Doughty recommended including funding for outreach materials and supplies to support community engagement activities.

Park Improvements – Las Animas Veterans Park

John Doughty provided updates on several improvements currently underway at Las Animas Park, including:

- Installation of a new restroom facility
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Additional field improvements funded through Gilroy Little League donations will include dugout covers and related enhancements.

Playground Equipment

Commissioners discussed the need to evaluate and prioritize replacement of aging playground equipment across City parks to ensure equitable access and safety.

Staff noted that the upcoming Parks Master Plan will include a comprehensive inventory of park assets to assist in prioritizing improvements.

Christmas Hill Park

Commissioners discussed potential improvements at Christmas Hill Park, including infrastructure improvements, signage updates, parking lot maintenance, and possible enhancements to the amphitheater area.

Disc Golf Proposal

Staff reported that a community member proposed installing a disc golf course at Christmas Hill Park. Commissioners noted the idea could be considered during the development of the Parks Master Plan.

Recreation Needs Assessment

Staff clarified that the Recreation Needs Assessment will focus on community programming needs, while the Parks Master Plan will focus on facilities and infrastructure. The Commission will participate in both processes by providing feedback and community input.

Joint Use with Gilroy Unified School District

Commissioners discussed expanding joint-use agreements with Gilroy Unified School District to allow greater community access to school facilities. Staff indicated discussions with the district are ongoing and that the Commission as a recommending body needs to allow the City Council to lead this effort

10.2.2 Addition of pedestrian and bicycle safety education

Commissioners discussed increased involvement in bicycle and pedestrian safety education efforts.

Staff noted that approximately \$18,000 in Measure B funding may be available for related educational initiatives.

10.2.3 Potential revisions to hours of operations and park regulations

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11. ADJOURNMENT

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Wednesday, April 22, 2026



Time: 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM



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PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE



**Wednesday,
May 20, 2026**

2:00 PM - 6:00 PM



City Hall

7351 Rosanna Street
Gilroy, CA



Discover How Public Works Serves Our Community

Public Works staff will be on hand to teach about **water conservation, engineering, park maintenance, road maintenance, and more.**

Vehicles and equipment will be on display for **learning and exploration.** Interactive displays will help enhance the learning experience for visitors of all ages.

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Event Highlights



**PUBLIC WORKS
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SHOWCASE**



**INTERACTIVE WATER
& INFRASTRUCTURE
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**PARKS & ROAD
MAINTENANCE**



**CITY CAREERS &
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Miércoles,
20 de mayo de 2026
2:00 PM - 6:00 PM



**Ayuntamiento de
Gilroy**

7351 Rosanna Street
Gilroy, CA



Descubra Cómo las Obras Públicas Sirven a Nuestra Comunidad

El personal de Obras Públicas estará disponible para educar sobre la conservación, la ingeniería, el mantenimiento de parques, calles y más.

Los vehículos y equipos estarán en exhibición para aprender y explorar. Las exhibiciones interactivas ayudarán a mejorar la experiencia de aprendizaje para visitantes de todas las edades.

Venga a conocer al equipo que ayuda a mantener Gilroy limpio, seguro y funcionando todos los días.

Aspectos Destacados del Evento



**EXHIBICIÓN DE
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GILROY GARDENING GROUP

SPRING PLANT SALE 2026

Saturday, April 18 | 8am - 2pm

Miller Red Barn, Christmas Hill Park, Gilroy



- * *Hundreds of Plants Starting at \$5 Including Rare Heirlooms, Asian Vegetables and Peppers*
- * *Inspiring Garden Talks & Hands-on Learning*
- * *Live Demos with Local Beekeepers, Recology and 4H*
- * *Family Fun, Kids Activities & Food Truck*

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Traffic Safety, E-Bike, and Pedestrian Awareness Night



PRESENTED BY GILROY POLICE DEPARTMENT

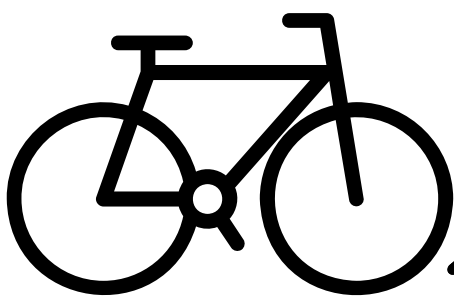
Friday, March 27th, 2026

5:30-7:30pm

Brownell Middle School, 7900 Carmel St

Join us for an informative presentation to learn about:

- Safe driving around school zones
- How parents can keep their children safe
- Rules of the road for young drivers
- E-Bike and E-Scooter Safety



All
community
members
are invited!



Enter for a
chance to
win **BEATS**
headphones
and more!

Light refreshments and interpretation will be provided.

Youth volunteer hours available to youth who participate.



ZACH HILTON
Gilroy City Council Member
Livable Gilroy for All



Noche de Seguridad Vial, Bicicletas Eléctricas y Concientización sobre Peatones

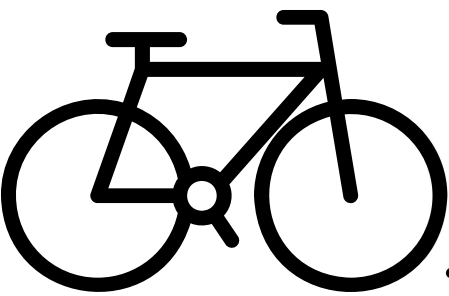


PRESENTADO POR EL DEPARTAMENTO DE POLICÍA DE GILROY

Viernes, 27 de marzo de 2026
5:30-7:30pm
Brownell Middle School, 7900 Carmel St

Únase a nosotros para una presentación informativa para aprender sobre:

- Conducción segura en zonas escolares
- Normas de circulación para conductores jóvenes
- Cómo pueden los padres mantener seguros a sus hijos
- Seguridad de bicicletas y patinetes eléctricos



¡Todos los miembros de la comunidad están invitados!



Participa para tener la oportunidad de ganar **audifonos BEATS** ¡y mucho más!

Se ofrecerán refrigerios ligeros e interpretación.

Horas de voluntariado disponibles para los jóvenes que participan.



MEMORANDUM

To: Parks and Recreation Commission

From: Parks Division, City of Gilroy

Through: John Doughty, Public Works Director

Meeting Date: March 17, 2026

Subject: Parks Division Updates – March 2026

The following is an update on recent activities and programs managed by the Parks Division.

Parks projects

- Oaks Restroom at Las Animas Park has been delivered and place at site.
- Repaired batter’s boxes and pitching mounds at Gilroy Sports Park.
- Made improvements to the pathway leading to the Christmas Hill Majors Field
- Construction of the Hecker Pass Park playground has been completed waiting for still waiting for two shade sails that were damaged during delivery.
- Encampments cleanup Luchessa and Thomas Road nature area.
- Weed abatement various landscape areas including Carriage Hills, Uvas Creek, Ranch site.
- Tree service performed at Las Animas Park, And Christmas Park
- Picnic tables pressure washed at Miller Park
- Transitioning irrigation out of winter mode to spring operation
- Facilities Div Pathway Lights restored at Carriage Hills
- Facilities Div repaired light pole repairs at Gilroy Sports park
- Streets Div replaced sidewalk damage at Los Arroyos

Projects in Process

- Contracts have been executed for Playground retro fits El roble Park, Rainbow Park
- Concrete walkway installation for new restrooms @ Las Animas Park
- Restroom rehabs Las Animas and San Ysidro Park
- Restoring plant material at Sunrise Park along Jicarrillo Pl
- Arbor Day
- Upcoming event prep CHP – Terra bella, compost giveaway
- Weed abatemen

Service Requests





MEMORANDUM

To: Parks and Recreation Commission

From: Adam Henig, Recreation Manager, Recreation Division, City of Gilroy

Through: John Doughty, Public Works Director

Meeting Date: March 17, 2026

Subject: Recreation Division Updates – March 2026

*I want to invite all commissioners to participate in the annual **Bike to Wherever Day**, which will be held on Thursday, May 14 from 6:30am-9:30am, at the levee by the entrance of Christmas Hill Park, between Miller Avenue and Uvas Park Drive. Email me if you can attend and which shift you can make: **Shift A** (6:30-8am) or **B** (8am-9:30am) – Adam, adam.henig@cityofgilroy.org



The following is an update on recent activities and programs managed by the Recreation Division.

- **Adaptive** – Last month, the Adaptive program held its annual Valentine’s Day dance at the Senior Center. There were 80 participants who came and danced the night away. The adaptive program has also been busy learning Tae Kwon Do and will be going to a San Jose Barracuda hockey game on March 11,
- **Aquatics** – Staff recently met with Swimming Swan staff (pool operator) and the City’s facility team to inspect the Aquatics Center prior to the state’s inspection scheduled for April 28.

- **“Beyond Gilroy”** – This past January, the City kicked off its “Beyond Gilroy: Nature, Exploration, and Empowerment” program, which is funded through a State of California grant the City received in 2023. Its purpose was to offer a program that exposed socio-economically challenged residents to the outdoors through a curated experience. Gilroy Recreation has partnered with Save Our Shores, a Santa Cruz-based environmental advocacy and educational organization. Their staff provides the outdoor education components while our staff supports with supervision. Twenty-three students registered for the program, which comprises of 6 classroom experiences and four off-site field trips. In February, the students visited Lovers Point Park in Pacific Grove. The program concludes in May.



- **Recreation Guide** – The Recreation Guide was published on March 12 and was mailed to all households in Gilroy (21,000). The twenty-page guide features information about summer camps, classes, the aquatics program, volunteering opportunities, youth scholarships, and more.



- **Recreation Needs Assessment** – Administration Department staff (including myself) served on the RFP selection committee for the Recreation Needs Assessment. The City received four submissions. Interviews were conducted with each firm. Staff will issue a recommendation to City Council at the April 6 meeting.
- **Senior Center** – On Tuesday, February 17, the Senior Center celebrated Chinese New Year, featuring a Chinese meal, beef stir-fry, hot and sour soup, and of course a fortune cookie! The senior center also recently upgraded its

decades old pool table with new felt, upgraded cue sticks, and a balanced table.

- **Summer Day Camp** – The City is advertising positions available for seasonal work at the summer day camp program, which is held at the lodge at Gilroy Gardens. Fortunately, more than half of the camp staff will be made up of returning recreation leaders and year-round staff.
- **Youth Commission** – The Youth Commission has had a busy March. On Saturday, March 7, eight of the eleven members will be attending a leadership conference in Los Altos. The biannual Conference comprises of dozens of youth commissions throughout Northern California. On Saturday, March 21, the Youth Commission will be hosting the annual OpportuniTEEN Fair at Wheeler Gym. The event is free and open to high school students. Students can inquire about volunteer opportunities, internships, and part-time paid positions. Last year (see photo below), OpportuniTEEN had 200 students visit with 25 vendors made up of businesses, nonprofits, and government agencies.





MEMORANDUM

To: Parks and Recreation Commission

From: Public Works Capital improvement Projects (CIP) Division

Through: John Doughty, Public Works Director

Meeting Date: March 17, 2026

Subject: Public Works CIP Updates – March 2026

The following is a synopsis of parks related capital project work currently underway in the City.

I. Major Projects

1. San Ysidro Park Healthy Living Enhancement

- Project design is scheduled to be complete Spring 2027.
- Project advertising and contract award is expected Summer 2027.
- Construction is expected to begin Fall 2027.

2. Las Animas Veterans Park Pickleball Courts

- Project design is scheduled to be complete Spring 2026.
- Project advertising and contract award is scheduled Summer 2026.
- Construction is expected to begin Summer 2026.

3. Civic Center Master Plan

- Initial community outreach completed.
- Study and conceptual layout complete.
- Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) is now available for public review and comments during the 45-day review period, ending March 27.
- EIR and Master Plan document approval anticipated Summer 2026

II. Other Projects of Note

1. Las Animas Park Restroom Replacement

- Anticipated completion Fall 2026

- Funded by carryover FY25 Funds

2. Third Street Park (AKA Hecker Pass Park) Shade Structures

- Anticipated completion December 2025
- Funded by carryover FY25 Funds

3. Del Rey Park Playground Retrofit

- Anticipated completion December 2025
- Funded by carryover FY25 Funds

4. Park Playground Equipment Retrofits (Locations TBD)

- Anticipated completion TBD
- Funded by FY26 Citywide Park Improvement Program funding

5. Park Sport Court Surface Enhancements (Locations TBD)

- Anticipated completion FY26
- Funded by FY26 Citywide Park Improvement Program funding

6. Repair and re-surfacing Tennis Courts 6 and 7 (Las Animas Park)

- Anticipated completion Spring 2026
- Funded by FY26 Citywide Park Program funding