Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, October 20, 2026
6:30 P.M.
Malibu City Hall, Multipurpose Room

Call to Order

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Report on Posting of Agenda – October 15, 2026

1. Ceremonial/Presentations

A. Day Camps Presentation

B. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

2. Written and Oral Communications from the Public and Commissioners

A. Communications from the public concerning matters which are not on the agenda but for which the Commission has subject matter jurisdiction. The Commission may not act on these matters at this meeting.

3. Consent Calendar

A. Previously Discussed Items

None.

B. New Items

1. Approval of Minutes

Recommended Action: Approve the minutes for the May 19, 2026 Parks and Recreation Commission Regular meeting.

Staff Contact: Management Analyst Saleaumua, 456-2489 ext. 349

2. Community Services Department Activity Report

Recommended Action: Receive and file a report on programs, events, and park and facility maintenance coordinated by the Community Services Department in June, July, and August.

Staff Contact: Community Services Deputy Director Manisco, 456-2489 ext. 363

3. Las Flores Creek Park Playground Project

Recommended Action: Receive and file an update on the Las Flores Creek Park Playground Replacement Project.

Staff Contact: Community Services Deputy Director Manisco, 456-2489 ext. 363

4. Old Business

None.

5. New Business

A. Legacy Park Program Update

Recommended Action: Receive and file a report on Legacy Park programs, outreach, and landscape management efforts.

Staff Contact: Recreation Manager Orosz, 456-2489 ext. 337

6. Staff Updates

7. Commissioner Reports, Comments and Inquiries

Future Agenda Items

Adjournment

Future Meetings

Tuesday, November 17, 2026	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting	City Hall Multipurpose Room
Tuesday, December 15, 2026	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting	City Hall Multipurpose Room
Tuesday, January 19, 2027	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting	City Hall Multipurpose Room

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***Old Business** items have appeared on previous agendas but have either been continued or tabled to this meeting with no final action having been taken. Public comment shall follow the rules as set forth under Oral Communication.*

***Items in New Business** are items which are appearing for the first time for formal action. Public comment shall follow the rules as set forth under Oral Communication.*

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I hereby certify under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing agenda was posted in accordance with the applicable legal requirements. Dated this 15th day of October 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

Brittany Saleaumua

Brittany Saleaumua, Management Analyst

Parks and Recreation Commission Agenda Report

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Item
3.B.1.

To: Chair Villablanca and Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission

Prepared by: Brittany Saleaumua, Management Analyst

Approved by: Kristin Riesgo, Community Services Director

Date prepared: October 13, 2026 Meeting date: October 20, 2026

Subject: Approval of Minutes

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the minutes for the May 19, 2026 Parks and Recreation Commission Regular meeting.

DISCUSSION: Staff has prepared draft minutes for the May 19, 2026 Parks and Recreation Commission Regular meeting.

ATTACHMENTS: May 19, 2026 Regular meeting minutes

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 19, 2026
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM
6:30 P.M.

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Chair Villablanca called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following persons were recorded in attendance by the Recording Secretary:

PRESENT: Chair Judy Villablanca; Commissioners Georgia Goldfarb and Dane Skophammer

ABSENT: Vice Chair Jake Lingo

ALSO PRESENT: Kristin Riesgo, Community Services Director; Kate Manisco, Community Services Deputy Director; Chris Orosz, Recreation Manager; Brittany Saleaumua, Management Analyst

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Skophammer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION Commissioner Skophammer moved, and Commissioner Goldfarb seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The question was called, and the motion carried 3-0; Vice Chair Lingo absent.

REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

Management Analyst Saleaumua reported that the agenda for the meeting was posted on May 14, 2026.

ITEM 1 CEREMONIAL/PRESENTATIONS

A. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Chair Villablanca stated that the election of Chair and Vice Chair would be postponed to the next Regular meeting, since Vice Chair Lingo was absent.

ITEM 2 WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

ITEM 3 CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION Commissioner Goldfarb moved, and Commissioner Skophammer seconded a motion to approve the consent calendar. The question was called, and the motion carried 3-0; Vice Chair Lingo absent.

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

A. Previously Discussed Items
None.

B. New Items

1. Approval of Minutes
Recommended Action: Approve the minutes for the February 17, 2026 Parks and Recreation Commission Regular meeting.

ITEM 4 OLD BUSINESS

None.

ITEM 5 NEW BUSINESS

A. Commission Assignments
Recommended Action: Recommend Commission assignments for Fiscal Year 2026-27 for City Council consideration.

Community Services Director Riesgo presented the staff report.

In response to Commissioner Skophammer, Community Services Director Riesgo recommended to keep the Community Lands assignment on the work plan. She stated that City Council would review the Community Lands project in July and could direct the Commission to conduct additional outreach or gather feedback related to the project.

Commissioner Skophammer stated he would advocate for fields on the west end of Malibu.

In response to Commissioner Skophammer, Community Services Director Riesgo stated City Council approved a resolution to rename the Charmlee Nature Center to the Walt and Lucille Keller Nature Center.

Chair Villablanca suggested to add an assignment to honor the Chumash Native American tribe at a city facility.

Commissioner Goldfarb indicated agreement with Chair Villablanca.

In response to Commissioner Goldfarb, Community Services Director Riesgo stated that park improvements could encompass multiple items that fall under the Commission's purview, such as the replacement of the memorial benches at Malibu Bluffs Park.

Commissioner Skophammer stated that the assignments should be listed by priority and suggested listing the Snack Shack assignment first.

Chair Villablanca stated that the Non-Profit Parks Foundation assignment should be prioritized.

In response to Chair Villablanca, Community Services Director Riesgo stated that staff were working with the Santa Monica Mountains (SAMO) Fund to determine the location of a potential native plant nursery. She stated that the Commission could provide feedback on education and outreach programs.

Chair Villablanca stated she wanted the Commission to provide feedback on recreation and educational programs within the SAMO Fund partnership. She stated she wanted to add an assignment to review and provide feedback on Equestrian Park renovations.

In response to Commissioner Skophammer, Recreation Manager Orosz provided an update on Equestrian Park.

In response to Chair Villablanca, Community Services Director Riesgo stated that funding for the Charmlee Wilderness Park Nature Center remodel was not in the Fiscal Year 2026-27 budget. She stated that remodeling the Nature Center would require hiring a design firm and that staff would include the Commission for feedback during the process.

In response to Chair Villablanca, Community Services Director Riesgo stated an assignment would be added to receive updates and provide program options on the SAMO Fund nursery.

In response to Chair Villablanca, Community Services Deputy Director Manisco stated that the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Master Facility Use Agreement was a fixed price for the City to use their facilities and it left little room for negotiation. She stated that the Equestrian Park agreement was separate from the Master Facility Use Agreement.

In response to Commissioner Goldfarb, Community Services Director Riesgo stated the arenas at the Malibu Equestrian Park were safe for general use.

In response to Chair Villablanca, Community Services Director Riesgo stated that an assignment could be added to research options for a dog park at Las Flores Creek Park.

Commissioner Skophammer suggested adding an assignment to conduct park tours twice a year.

The Commission prioritized the assignments to have the Non-Profit Foundation assignment first, the Snack Shack assignment second, and the Community Lands assignment third with the rest of the assignments in no order.

MOTION Chair Villablanca moved, and Commissioner Goldfarb seconded, a motion to recommend the revised commission assignments for Fiscal Year 2026-27 for City Council consideration. The question was called, and the motion carried 3-0; Vice Chair Lingo absent.

Management Analyst Saleaumua stated the added assignments were 1) Receive updates and provide feedback on recreational and educational programs with the SAMO Fund Partnership, 2) Review and provide feedback on Equestrian Park renovations, 3) Conduct a tour of City Parks twice a year, 4) Research options to honor the Chumash Native American Tribe at a City park or facility, 5) Research the feasibility of a dog park at Las Flores Creek Park; and 6) Prioritize the Non-Profit Foundation, Snack Shack assignment, and Community Lands assignment.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT

Chair Villablanca amended the motion to approve the revised assignments as stated by staff. Commissioner Goldfarb accepted the amendment.

ITEM 6 STAFF UPDATES

Community Services Deputy Director Manisco provided an update on the Malibu Surf Legend Award, Walt and Lucile Keller Nature Center renaming ceremony, Tiny Tot Olympics, and Go Skate Day.

Recreation Manager Orosz provided an update on Outdoor Recreation programs.

Community Services Director Riesgo provided an update on Snack Shack, Parks Foundation, and the Community Lands Project.

ITEM 7 COMMISSIONER REPORTS, COMMENTS AND INQUIRIES

Chair Villablanca stated she would attend the May 26, 2026 City Council meeting to give a Commission update. She stated her update would include thanking Alicia

Peak for her service as a Commissioner and thanking City Council for moving forward on the Snack Shack project.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Villablanca adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Malibu on October 20, 2026.

JUDY VILLABLANCA, Chair

ATTEST:

BRITTANY SALEAUMUA, Management Analyst

Parks and Recreation Commission Agenda Report

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Item 3.B.2.

To: Chair Villablanca and Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission

Prepared by: Kate Manisco, Community Services Deputy Director

Approved by: Kristin Riesgo, Community Services Director

Date prepared: October 12, 2026 Meeting date: October 20, 2026

Subject: Community Services Department Activity Report

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file a report on programs, events, and park and facility maintenance coordinated by the Community Services Department in June, July, and August.

DISCUSSION: The Community Services Department coordinated the following activities, projects, and programs from June through August.

Recreation Guides were distributed to 90264 and 90265 zip codes the week of May 4, 2026. Registration opened on May 11, 2026.

The Department offered 53 different programs and two special events serving over 4,600 participants during the summer season. 39% of participants registered for a Senior Center program and 34% of registered participants attended an Aquatics Program at the Malibu Community Pool. The programs with the highest attendance (excluding special events) were Adult Open Gym Basketball, Senior Knitting, Senior Stretch and Strength, and Lap Swim.

Parent and Me Programs

Parent and Me Programs require adult participation and allow adults to interact and nurture relationships during playful structured programs. All programs promote bonding while helping children develop cognitive, social, and motor skills. Programs also provide an opportunity for children to learn, play, and grow.

Program Name	Instructor	Attendance	Per Program Average
Music Together (1)	Cheryl Lev	5	5
Skateboarding (1)	Champ Camp	6	6
Soccer (2)	Super Soccer Stars	17	9

Total Parent and Me Program Participation: 56 (28 participants plus caregivers)

Youth Programs

Youth programs are for school-aged children focused on the development of social skills and exploration of interests including sports, music, acting, computer science, dance, and art.

Program Name	Instructor	Attendance	Per Program Average
Art Camp (1)*	Daydream Arts	8	8
LEGO Animation Camp (1)	Movies by Kids	15	15
Magic Academy Camp (1)*	Parker Anderson Enrichment	9	9
Science Workshops (2)*	TalentNook	18	9
Skateboarding Camp (9)	Champ Camp	112	12
Soccer (2)	Super Soccer Stars	8	4
Surf Camp (5)	Aspects Surf	60	12
Volleyball Camp (2)	TGA Sports	20	10
YouTube Video Camp (1)*	Movies By Kids	9	9

*New Program

Total Youth Program Participation: 259

Adult Programs

Programs for adults provide opportunities for social interaction, hobby development, fitness, sports, or skill improvement. The Department offers one-day workshops on health and wellness, crafts, cooking, and writing.

Program Name	Instructor	Attendance	Per Program Average
Dance Workshops (2)	MC Callaghan	15	8
Dog Obedience Workshop (1)	My Best Friend Obedience	8	8
Open Gym Basketball (11)	NA	270	25
Wellness Workshops (1)	The Mindry	10	10

Total Adult Program Participation: 303

Senior Programs

A variety of programs are offered at the Malibu Senior Center, including fitness classes, social activities, educational workshops, and wellness services designed to support older adults. Participating in these programs can improve physical health by encouraging regular exercise, better mobility, and healthier daily habits. In addition, promoting mental and emotional well-being by helping seniors stay socially connected, reduce stress, and maintain an active lifestyle.

Program Name	Instructor	Attendance	Per Program Average
Bridge (12)	N/A	72	6
Cardio Salsa (9)	Jackline Daneshrad	72	8
Chair Yoga (14)	Michael Manfredo	117	8
Choir (12)	Laura DeMieri Fercano	152	13
Coloring (13)	Judy Merrick	47	4
Educational Workshops (8)	Foundation for Senior Services	68	9
Excursions (3)	N/A	38	13
Ice Cream Social (3)	N/A	25	8
Knitting (25)	Sheila Rosenthal	283	11
Locals Lunch (3)	N/A	26	9
Luncheons (3)	N/A	156	52

Mahjong (13)*	N/A	84	6
Mat Pilates (13)	Jackline Daneshrad	76	6
Painting (2)	Helen Campanella	20	10
Paint Pour (1)*	Lana Mril	10	10
Seasonal Crafts (3)	City Staff	38	13
Stretch & Strength (38)	Marsha Cooper	334	9
Tai Chi (11)	Michael Manfredo	70	6
Tech Help (13)	Malibu Library Outreach Librarian	20	2
Theater Thursday (3)	NA	19	6
Total Body Workout (13)	Jackline Daneshrad	138	11

*New Program

Total Senior Program Participation: 1,865

Inclusive Recreation Programs

Accessible, adapted activities for individuals of all abilities to participate together in a supportive, welcoming environment. These programs aim to remove barriers to participation, promote social connection, and ensure that everyone can engage in meaningful recreational experiences.

Program Name	Instructor	Attendance	Per Program Average
Film Screen Fridays (3)	NA	18	6
Joy of Coloring (3)*	Judy Merrick	45	15
Sensory Swim (8)*	NA	208	26

*New Program

Total Inclusive Program Participation: 271

Aquatics:

Aquatics programs for youth and adults offer a variety of activities, including learn-to-swim lessons, swim team, aqua aerobics, and lap swim, providing opportunities for skill development, fitness, and recreation. Participation in these programs promotes water safety, improves cardiovascular health and endurance, builds strength and confidence, and encourages social interaction and lifelong healthy habits.

Program Name	Instructor	Attendance	Per Program Average
Aqua Aerobics (16)	City Staff	115	19
Lap Swim	NA	1,369	16
Marlins Adults	Malibu Marlins	6	6
Marlins Nemo	Malibu Marlins	13	13
Marlins Juniors	Malibu Marlins	24	24
Marlins Elite	Malibu Marlins	15	15
Private Swim Lessons (25)*	City Staff	25	1
Swim Lessons-Merbabies	City Staff	7	7
Swim Lessons-Starfish	City Staff	5	5
Swim Lessons-Guppy	City Staff	7	7
Swim Lessons-Sea Otter	City Staff	6	6
Teen Water Safety*	City Staff	14	14

*New Program

Total Aquatics Program Participation: 1,606

Outdoor Recreation

Outdoor recreation programs provide organized opportunities for people to engage with nature through activities like hiking, wildlife observation, and environmental education. They are designed to promote physical health, mental well-being, and a deeper appreciation for natural ecosystems while often incorporating guided instruction or interpretation.

Program Name	Instructor	Attendance	Per Program Average
Malibu Monarch Lectures (1)	Field Experts	35	35
Nature Walk and Storytime (3)	City Staff	50	16
Sunset Hikes (3)	City Staff	31	10

Total Outdoor Recreation Program Participation: 116

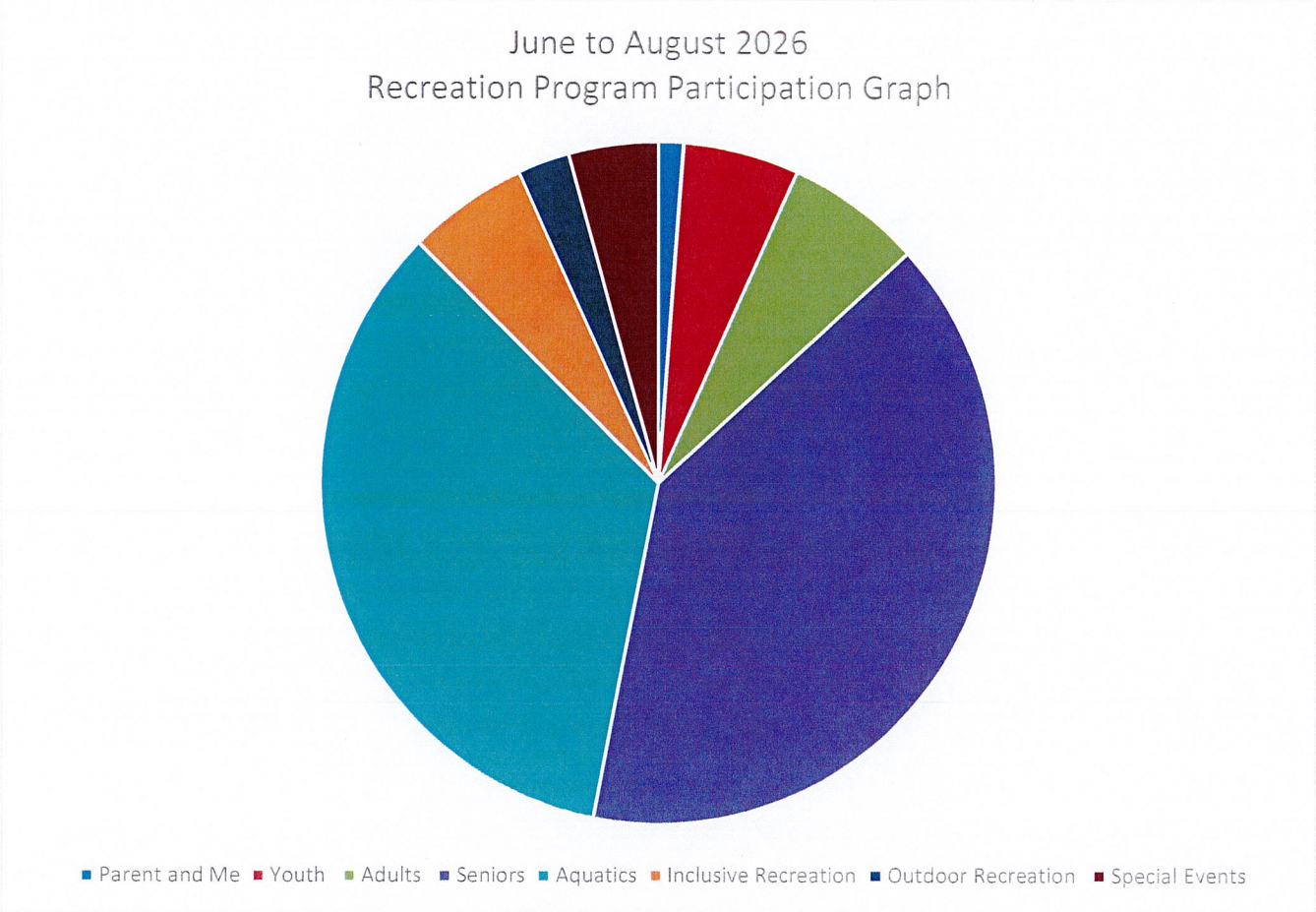
Special Events

Community special events bring people together to celebrate, connect, and strengthen relationships among residents of all ages and backgrounds. These events promote a sense of belonging and community pride while supporting social well-being, cultural awareness, and positive local engagement.

Event	Community Partners	Attendance	Per Program Average
CineMalibu: Movies in the Park "Kicking and Screaming" – July 11	Malibu Library, Community Class Instructors	75	75
CineMalibu: Movies in the Park "The Sandlot" – August 22	Malibu Library, Community Class Instructors	125	125

Total Special Event Participation: 200

Summer 2026 Program Participation



MAINTENANCE

Charmlee Wilderness Park: Conducted repairs in the women's restroom for a detached partition due to a broken bolt. The bolt was replaced, and the partition was secured back in place.

Las Flores Creek Park: Continued ongoing restoration repairs.

Replaced an electrical pedestal which provides power to the park's irrigation controllers. Staff worked with City inspectors and SoCal Edison to ensure the equipment was installed correctly, and power was supplied to the new pedestal.

Repaired and widened trails throughout the park.

Installed mulch and hydroseed throughout the park.

Legacy Park: Completed annual weed abatement throughout the park and open space.

Pressure-washed and cleaned all park benches, picnic tables, and hardscape surfaces of graffiti and debris.

Removed excess soil and debris that had collected from the stormwater forebay from seasonal runoff.

Malibu Bluffs Park: Installed new plants around the memorial benches.

Completed the annual field renovation of the Multipurpose field.

Replaced a damaged doggie bag dispenser.

Malibu Skate Park: Due to a misalignment, the entry gate was adjusted to close it properly. All the bolts and hinge pins were tightened. An additional gate latch was added to the fence so the entry gate could be locked open during park operating hours.

Removed graffiti and stickers from various areas throughout the skate park.

In preparation for Go Skate Day, staff painted the railing paint near the park entrance, removed stickers, and removed the graffiti throughout the skate park.

Replaced a damaged section of siding on the restroom building exterior.

Installed a bulletin board on the restroom building, outside the park gates. The bulletin board gives the Department an opportunity to post notices and promote skate recreation programs.

Medians and Right-of-Ways: Installed monkey flower, red flowering buckwheat, and penstemon plants in the parkway planter on the corner of Cross Creek Road and Civic Center Road.

Trancas Canyon Park: Removed graffiti from the men's restroom.

Pressure-washed and cleaned all park benches, picnic tables, and hardscape surfaces.

Installed a new communication controller on the irrigation system, which can now communicate via the cell tower instead of a landline.

Staff worked with Burns Construction to grind raised sections of the sidewalk throughout the park to ensure all pathways were accessible to visitors.

ATTACHMENTS: None.

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Item 3.B.3.

To: Chair Villablanca and Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission

Prepared by: Kate Manisco, Community Services Deputy Director

Approved by: Kristin Riesgo, Community Services Director

Date prepared: October 8, 2026 Meeting date: October 20, 2026

Subject: Las Flores Creek Park Playground Replacement Project

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RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file an update on the Las Flores Creek Park Playground Replacement Project.

DISCUSSION: At the March 17, 2026 Regular meeting, the Commission approved the Las Flores Creek Park Playground conceptual design, which was prepared by Great Western Recreation. Great Western Recreation conducted a site visit and prepared conceptual designs for two playground areas. The new playgrounds were designed in the same footprint as the original playground and are aligned with the park's Initial Study (IS).

The design presented at the March Regular meeting included Native American design elements. Staff contacted the American Indian Resource Center, who recommended to remove the three Native American design elements (drum, teepee, and dreamcatcher climbers) as the Native American community views these as sacred elements, and children climbing on them may suggest cultural insensitivity.

Staff worked with the contractor to replace the three playground elements. The redesign includes playground structures that are in the same footprint and height. The new designs do not affect the project timeline, building plan check, or cost.

The playground replacement is part of Phase 2 of the Las Flores Creek Park repair and restoration project and must be replaced due to it being destroyed during the Palisades Fire. Since March, staff have worked with City permitting divisions, insurance, and other agencies to finalize and receive approvals for the installation. The playground removal and replacement project is expected to begin in Spring 2027.

ATTACHMENTS: None.

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Item 5.A.

To: Chair Villablanca and Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission

Prepared by: Chris Orosz, Recreation Manager

Approved by: Kristin Riesgo, Community Services Director

Date prepared: October 14, 2026 Meeting date: October 20, 2026

Subject: Legacy Park Program Update

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file the report on Legacy Park programs, outreach, and landscape management efforts.

DISCUSSION: In 2026, outreach and programming at Legacy Park focused on nature education and pollinator gardening. Residents and visitors are given opportunities to learn about the park's unique features on various platforms, including app-based programs, websites, social media, and in-person education programs.

Programs and Outreach Efforts

The app-based program, Agents of Discovery, has been available at Legacy Park since 2024, focusing on nature-based education for children ages 4 to 12. From June 2025 to June 2026, over 125 users interacted with the app and learned about native habitats, pollinators, and watershed. The app gives users a variety of "challenges" to accomplish on a walk around the park. The "challenges" are updated seasonally as well as during nature-based holidays such as Earth Day and Arbor Day.

The Department offered art-based programming during the summer and fall season, which included Poetry in the Park with Former Poet Laureate Richardo Means Ybarra and Improv Performance in the Park with Shoshana Kuttner, Executive Director of Young Actors Project. The Department also partnered with the Malibu Art Association to host Art Walks once a month from May to September.

The City continues to partner with the Malibu Library to host free nature walks for families with children under the age of five. City naturalists lead families around Legacy Park and discuss the park's native environment and habitats through interactive activities. The walk

concludes with a nature-based story read by a Malibu librarian. In 2025-26, walks occurred once a month. Participation has stayed consistent from 2024 to 2026.

Programming and partnerships planned or continued in 2027 include (Attachment 1):

- Chronolog (continue) – an interactive and engaging activity that keeps a record of phenological changes of Legacy Park. Chronolog was installed at Legacy Park in August 2024, and staff have tracked the time-lapse program, which shows gradual seasonal and long-term environmental changes. The app is driven by park visitors who take photos of the same area and upload them to the platform. The time-lapse images may be viewed on the Chronolog website, the City's website, and planned social media posts.
- Agents of Discovery (continue) – an augmented reality, geo-triggered app that engages youth in nature. Staff controls the application's content and changes it seasonally.
- Nature Walk and Story Time (continue) – families with children ages five and under experience an introduction to native plants, insects, and birds in a short walk around Legacy Park, ending at the library, which includes story time with a Malibu librarian. Participants take home a nature-themed coloring book provided in partnership with Poison Free Malibu and the Malibu Monarch Project and age-appropriate nature books provided by the library.
- Pepperdine University outdoor laboratory programs (continue) – Biology and Ecology classes visit Legacy Park during the fall semester to study subject-related concepts. With approval from Community Service staff and in compliance with the Earth Friendly Management Policy, long-term study projects are conducted on-site. At the end of the semester, students present their findings to the City.
- Plant giveaway and introduction to native plant gardening (continue) – In partnership with the LA County Fire and Forestry Department, participants will receive a free native plant and instruction on cultivation in the home garden.
- Poetry in the Park (continue) – staff will work with the Malibu Poet Laureate Committee to provide poetry readings which may include an open-mic session and music. Programs will be free to attend and open to the public.
- Photography Workshops (continue) – participants will have an opportunity to learn about photography methods and capture images of native plants, animals, and pollinators during the migratory season.
- Wallis Annenberg Legacy Foundation (new) – in October 2026, Council approved to receive a $50,000 donation from the Foundation, which will be used to transform and expand a section of Legacy Park into a pollinator garden. Staff will work to convert the 100' walkway in early 2027.
- Santa Monica Mountains Fund Native Plant Nursery and programs (new) – upon approval from City Council, the City will partner with Santa Monica Mountains (SAMO) Fund to install a native plant nursery on the leach field (near the Animal Hospital). SAMO Fund will provide programming and educational outreach to cover topics on native plant propagation, native gardening, and landscape management in addition to volunteering opportunities, providing free plants to the public, and programs throughout Legacy Park.

Landscape Management

Legacy Park opened to the public on October 2, 2010. The park's original plant pallet consisted of over 700 trees and shrubs and thousands of native plants. Within 18 months of opening, there was a significant decline in the diversity and health of the landscape. Several plant species had failed, and the health of the tree population declined. By 2013, only 50% of the original trees planted in the park had survived.

Between 2013 and 2015, staff coordinated several small revegetation projects; however, those projects were largely unsuccessful. From June 2018 to September 2023, the City worked with Studio-MLA (Consultant) to lead the Legacy Park Rehabilitation Project. The Consultant provided a comprehensive analysis of the park's growing conditions, recommendations for planting several native plant test plots, and assistance in developing a long-term landscape maintenance plan, which is used as part of today's ongoing maintenance plan. After years of rehabilitation, monitoring, and consistent removal of non-native invasive species, the park native gardens and habitats occupy 95% of Legacy Park.

In December 2024, a pollinator garden was added in a 400-square-foot area of the park in partnership with the Pollinator Protection Fund. The garden included intentionally selected native pollinators, habitat plants, and educational signage. Staff will continue to seed and plant the garden annually, and complete weeding as needed. Additionally, the pollinator garden signage is used as an educational tool during community programs and staff-led walks.

Staff continued the seasonal removal of non-native, invasive plants, including Pampas grass, euphorbia, and mustard. Additional native plantings were not necessary in 2026.

ATTACHMENTS: Legacy Park Program Advertisements

City of Malibu, Community Services Department

Nature Walk and Storytime

Ages 5 and Under | Wednesdays | 10:30 - 11:30 AM
September 23 | October 21 | November 18
Legacy Park | Complimentary

Join the City's Naturalist to learn about local waterfowl, observe wildlife, and discover the importance of native gardens in supporting the ecosystem. Storytime weaves these lessons together through engaging tales that spark imagination, helping participants better understand the delicate balance of nature. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet at the Malibu Library.



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ATTACHMENT 1

LA COUNTY LIBRARY

CITY OF MALIBU, COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

NATIVE PLANT GIVEAWAY

SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 8
9:30 – 11:30 AM
LEGACY PARK
COMPLIMENTARY
ALL AGES

Join this giveaway event in partnership with the Los Angeles County Fire and Forestry Department. Take home a native plant to help transform your garden or home into a reflection of our local Santa Monica Mountains.



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LEGACY PARK ART WALK

WITH THE MALIBU ART ASSOCIATION

SUNDAYS
9 AM - 3 PM
JULY 12 | AUGUST 9
SEPTEMBER 13



Experience Malibu's vibrant arts scene this summer at the Legacy Park Art Walk. Coordinated by the Malibu Arts Association and hosted by the City of Malibu Arts Commission, these free monthly events feature local artists showcasing and selling original artwork and prints inspired by Malibu's natural beauty.

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