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# STAFF REPORT

**DATE:** November 17, 2022  
**TO:** Dave Mitchell, District Administrator  
**FROM:** Wayne Edmundson, Parks and Facilities Superintendent  
**SUBJECT:** Monthly Operations Report - (October 2022)

## Antelope Community Park

- We had a very unfortunate situation at the ACP restrooms recently with a main sewer line backing up during a weekend Softball Tournament. Lead staff were out of town at the time and line staff on site were unable to adequately address the issue. It became necessary to call in a rapid roofer plumbing service to clear the lines and get the restrooms back up and running so the entire tournament was not ruined.

## Arcade Creek Park Preserve

- The Arcade Cripple Creek Trail Groundbreaking Ceremony was held at Arcade Creek Park Preserve on Tuesday, November 1. Many district staff, city staff, and representatives from other agencies were in attendance to celebrate the official start of this long awaited trailway project. The ACCT project which has been in the planning and conceptual stages for many years now is finally ready to kick into high gear with the construction phase. The trail system will ultimately connect with many district parks along the way and the park district will continue working closely with all parties involved throughout its development to ensure our needs are being addressed.



### Antelope Station

- A new RP unit was installed at Antelope Station Park. This new fully updated lead-free backflow device replaces the older unit which had become unreliable and increasingly difficult to pass inspections. Several district parks were identified for having older backflow devices like this with similar problems, those units were also earmarked for replacement.



### Brooktree Park

- Another new RP unit was recently replaced at Brooktree Park. Similar to the one at Antelope Station, this unit was also having a hard time passing inspections and was not cost effective to attempt to rebuild. One of two RPs at this park, everything was replaced on this 4" model except for the main stems and the Bermad master valve.

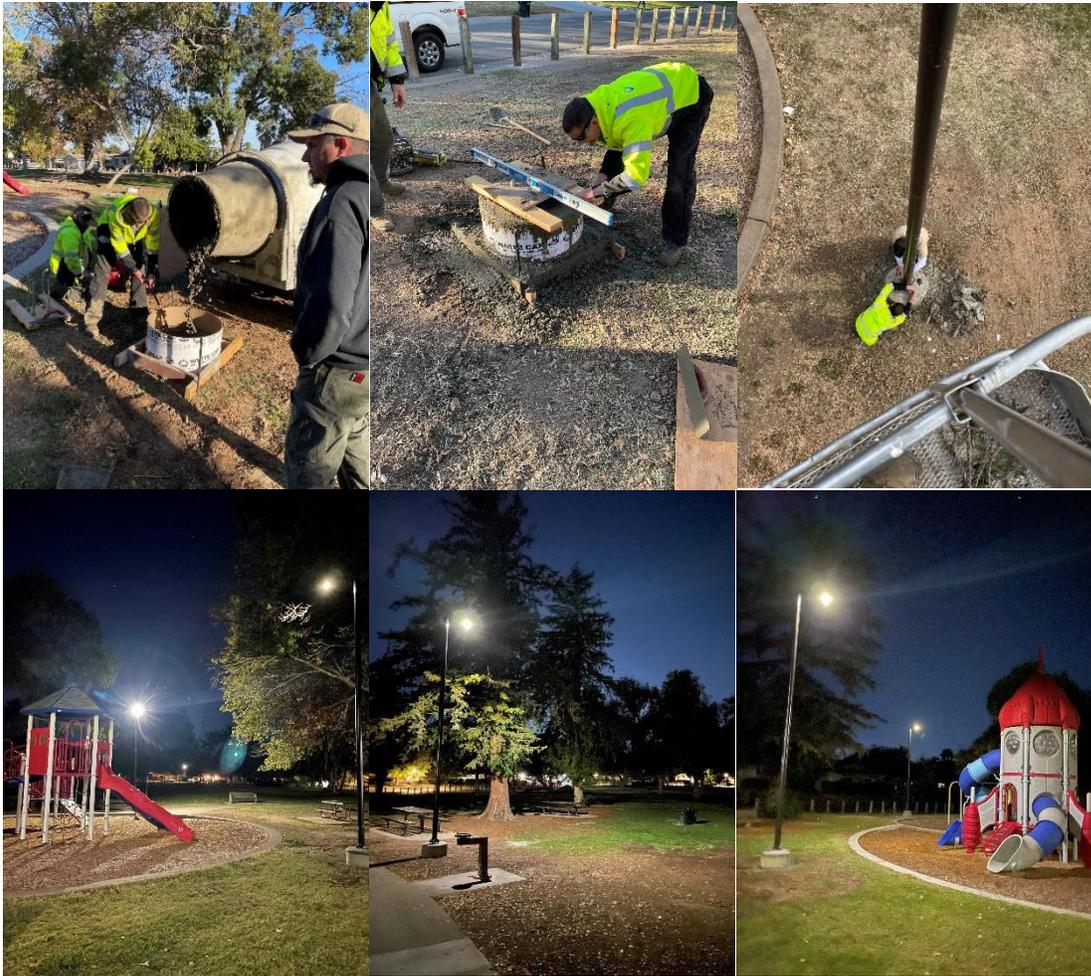


### C-Bar-C Park

- Potholes and other safety concerns were addressed in the parking lot at C-Bar-C Park. In response to an email received expressing concerns, staff combed on the parking lot thoroughly identifying areas in most need of repair and then used an asphalt patch material known as Power Patch to make the necessary repairs.
- The footprint for the playground pit at C-Bar-C is being expanded slightly to better accommodate our ability to add the new playground equipment when the time comes. It was discussed and decided that an additional 15' of clearance should be added to the east end of the playground pit area. Construction of the perimeter boundary wall is schedule to begin soon with a completion date set for mid-December.

### Pioneer Park

- 5 new solar lights were installed at select locations around Pioneer Park. All light tower locations and headlamp designs were chosen and installed with the intent of providing sufficient lighting to the playground and picnic table areas. The main objective was to provide the additional light as a deterrent for any nefarious activity going on in the park.



### Rusch Community Park

- The 8th Annual Arts, Crafts, and Artisan Food Fair was held on Saturday November 5th in the Rusch Auditorium. This very popular holiday event offers a wide array of unique gifts and artisan food items from over 40 local vendors, along with train rides, holiday carolers, an appearance from Santa and Mrs. Claus, and much more. A tremendous amount of planning goes into preparing for this event each and every year, and this year was no exception. A collaborative team effort led by our Senior Customer Service Representative, Jacqueline Coker and Recreation Services Manager Clarissa Lowe made this year's event another smashing success!
- In preparing for this annual arts and crafts event there were many park beatification efforts made in and around the Rusch Park Community Center. Staff did an amazing job of cleaning and decorating the inside of the Rusch Auditorium and lobby areas. Around the outside of the building, doors, windows, and building exteriors were all cleaned. New plant material and fresh mulch was added to some of the planter beds around the community center breezeway, and all hardscapes were blown off and pressure washed to make the area look as presentable as possible.



- The restrooms at the far west end of Rusch Park were recently vandalized again. The culprit(s) managed to breach the door lock mechanism and then proceeded to do significant damage once they got inside, ripping sinks off the wall, damaging the plumbing, smashing toilet seat covers, etc.
- Two new stainless-steel toilets which had been ordered for the Craft Restroom finally arrived, and apparently just in the nick of time, as we had another porcelain toilet damaged due to vandalism the very day they arrived. As has been stated previously, all the restroom fixtures within the Craft Restroom are scheduled to eventually be retrofitted over to stainless-steel to help mitigate this type of vandalism.
- A pipe burst inside the pump room at the Rusch Aquatics Complex causing significant flooding to the facility before staff were notified and able to successfully get the water shut off. For the most part everything was okay once the water subsided. However, the below-ground pit where the inlet pipe feeds the dive pool, had completely filled with water causing an electrical 20HP motor to become submerged underwater. Staff took all necessary provisions in allowing the motor to adequately dry out before attempting to restart it, unfortunately in the end, the motor was lost and needed to be repaired. Estimated cost of repair is \$6,400



- A giant protective steel cage was installed around the backflow device near the Skate Park at Rusch Park. By many accounts, this addition was long overdue. For years the patrons of the skate park have abused this unit unmercifully, pounding on it, cranking on it, opening bleeder valves, and anything else you can think of in attempting to get water out of it. These types of cages are fairly standard in the industry, however this one had to be custom fabricated to fit the size, shape, and existing footprint of the unit.



- Slight modifications were made recently to the Pickleball entry gates to prevent them from digging into the court's surface. Some grinding and welding fabrication was necessary to ensure proper gate height and functionality.
- The Pickleball Complex at Rusch Park recently got a new addition, which I think the district and the pickleball club would both agree was long overdue. A new 10'W X 100'L X 4"D sidewalk was recently added to provide access to the exterior gate openings on the south side of the Pickleball Courts. (previously, players would have to walk through the wet grass or dirt/mud to access the gates) Martin General Engineering was contracted to perform this work. Turf was removed and ground was excavated to an appropriate depth,

#3 rebar was used throughout to ensure strength and stability. All staking & forming was done, and perimeter was reinforced before the pouring of concrete began. In the end, the Pickleball Courts now have a beautiful new sidewalk wide enough to host both participant and spectator traffic. Funding for this project was provided by Sunrise Pickleball Club.



- The Citrus Heights Marching Band held their 10th annual Howl-O-Ween Parade and Harvest Festival at Rusch Park on Saturday, October 15. The parade route began at Twin Oaks Dr. following Auburn Blvd down through the main entrance to Rusch Park and finishing at the Rusch Park basketball courts. This event offered a myriad of fun activities for the entire family including live performances, craft fair vendors, pet adoptions, canine costume contest, delicious food and much more. Accompanying this event was also a Halloween themed Car Show hosted by Nor Cal Cruisers, along with a raffle, best decorated vehicle contest, and a “Trunk or Treat” event for the kids.



### Sunrise Oaks

- A large-scale cleanup was done recently at the Sunrise Oaks Open Space. Crews worked diligently over a period of several days cutting, trimming, mowing, and removing old tree stumps and other large deadwood from the area. This cleanup, aside from making the park look fantastic, should significantly improve the sites visibility, reduce homelessness, and greatly assist in our ability to conduct firebreak mowing in the spring.



### Tempo Park

- I'm absolutely ecstatic to announce the completion of the Tempo Park playground build. This project which has been met with numerous delays over the past several months was finally completed to the delight of everyone involved and the surrounding community. The installer was finally able to procure all the necessary parts and equipment to finish the job they started many months ago. New engineered wood fiber was added as protective surfacing, and the playground is now open to the public.



### Tetotom park

- The final selection was made on the color palette to be used for the new playground coming to Tetotom Park next spring/summer. Major thanks to everyone involved throughout the long selection process. A 39+ week lead time is expected for the arrival of the playground equipment, pushing the likely start date of the project into May of 2023.

### Tupelo Park

- Yet another backflow device was installed at Tupelo Park. Similar to the two aforementioned devices installed at Brooktree and Antelope Station, this old unit was also having a hard time passing inspections and was in serious need of replacement.

## All Parks

- October was open enrollment month for any district employees looking to change their health plan coverage. The district held several large group meetings with our very own Margaret Hatton leading the presentations and providing in-depth information to all employees about their benefit and coverage options. Employees were then given several weeks to evaluate and consider all the information before choosing which coverage plan works best for them and their families.
- Congratulations are in order for Douglas Randle, one of our Park Supervisors who was recently awarded a scholarship opportunity to attend the Jerry Fox Maintenance School. Every year CPRS District 2 offers scholarships to 150+ park and recreation professionals, representing over 60 public agencies, to attend this five-year program hosted in beautiful UCLA Lake Arrowhead, CA. The program is organized and run by knowledgeable lifelong professionals and teaches a systematic approach for determining the resources needed in maintaining public parks and facilities. This week-long training, which this year runs November 14-18, provides attendees with invaluable information they will carry and utilize throughout their professional careers. CPRS District 2 covers 100% of the expenses outside of travel arrangements, and participants get to enjoy first class hospitality and accommodations during their stay.
- In honor of the Rusch Preschool's Annual Trick or Treat Event, the Rusch Front Office, Recreation Office, and Parks Office all engaged in a "Spookiest Halloween Decorations Contest". Staff from each division decorated their respective office locations in the weeks leading up and agreed to let the preschool kids be the judges when they visited the offices for trick-or-treating on October 27th and 31<sup>st</sup>. All votes were cast and counted, and while the official results are still being appealed amidst allegations of voter tampering and candy laundering, the preschool kids had a really great time and were "sweetly" rewarded as the real winners in all of this! Huge thanks to Ms. Kathy and all her kids for putting up with all of our Halloween hijinks!

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