



CPRS DISTRICT II DIGEST

Creating Community through People, Parks and Programs

Summer 2008

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Get Ready for a Bowling Bonanza

Mark your calendars for the 1st Annual CPRS District II General Membership Meeting on **Thursday, September 25** from **3-6 p.m.** at **Strikes Bowling Alley** in Rocklin.



This meeting will be both fun and educational. We'll start off with a Team Development Workshop and then get ready to slip on those oh-so stylish bowling shoes for as we hit the lanes for some good-natured competition and fun. Pizza, appetizers and drinks will also be provided. Don't forget to break out your best, or goofiest bowling attire for the occasion. Prizes will be awarded for the best team ensemble and best team score!

Registration is \$20 per person and includes training, two games of bowling, shoes, pizza and drinks.

Strikes is located in Rocklin at 5681 Lonetree Boulevard. From Interstate 80, take Highway 65 north towards Lincoln, take the Washington Boulevard/Blue Oaks exit and go right, then take your first left on Lone Tree Boulevard.

More information to come, but if you want to make sure your spot is reserved right away, please contact Jennifer Davis at Fair Oaks Recreation & Park District 916.966.1036 ext. 17.



CALIFORNIA PARK & RECREATION SOCIETY

Message from the President

Did you make it through the summer madness? Hopefully, the smoky skies didn't dampen your spirits or your summer activities. Hang in there because the cooler weather is on the horizon. The District II board is currently working on a fun end of the season training scheduled for September, so dust off those bowling shoes because Bowling Night is back!

Some things that we are working on for you this fall... A Professional Development scholarship to assist you with any budget cuts that you may be experiencing. The extremely popular Equipment Expo will be returning to Elk Grove Park, with the possibility of some education sessions. Outreach programs to the students at Chico State and Sac State. As well as our Holiday Social, where we will have an interactive training and tours of the City of Roseville's Martha Riley Community Library and the Roseville Utility Exploration Center.

We look forward to seeing you at the next District II Event!!

Your District II President,

Kate Rebello



Introducing Todd Trimble



We would like to welcome Todd Trimble as the CPRS Region 1 Representative. Todd is a Recreation Manager for the City of Walnut Creek and throughout his 20 year career he has been actively involved on various boards that include District III and the Supervisors Section. He is excited for the opportunity to serve as the Region 1 Representative and contribute to the leadership of the Board to insure the continued growth and value of the Parks and Recreation profession. He is looking forward to providing opportunities to Region 1 districts to align with the over arching goals of CPRS that represent the statewide purpose and intended outcome of existing for the success of members.

NEWS WANTED

Have a program, class, event, facility or activity you are excited about? Tell us about it for our next issue.

District II Digest is a great way to share new ideas and current events with colleagues.

Submissions for the Fall newsletter are due September 15th.

Please contact: Pam Allen, City of Roseville at 916.746.1251 or pallen@roseville.ca.us

Landscape & Equipment Expo - September 12

On Friday, September 12th, the District II Maintenance and Operations Section will present the Landscape and Equipment Expo at Elk Grove Regional Park.

Last year 60 vendors displayed their products to over 350 staff from local agencies. Over \$12,500.00 was raised for District II.

In order to continue to have a good showing by vendors at this event, we ask all local agencies show their support by sending staff members to view and operate equipment, see the latest in park maintenance supplies and techniques, playground equipment and recreational supplies, and talk to the various suppliers.

It is important that vendors get the

opportunity to meet staff who make purchasing decisions. The range of items displayed and demonstrated at the Expo has been expanded over the years to include products that should be of interest to all agency staff members, not just landscape and maintenance staff. Last year landscape architecture firms were invited to display for the first time.

Please support this event, and in turn the CPRS District II scholarship programs, by attending and visiting with vendors and fellow colleagues. The \$10 registration fee includes coffee, juice and donuts in the morning and a barbecue tri-tip lunch. As usual, there will be a raffle after lunch. Look for registration information in your email soon, or check the CPRS District II website at



<http://districtii.cprs.org>. For more information, please contact Jerry Fox at (916) 947-6794.

Supervisor Section Update

Join other professionals in Parks and Recreation in learning about emerging trends in recreation programming, park planning and design as the Recreation Supervisors and Parks Operations Sections present SuperCal 2008.

Educational sessions cover topics such as understanding key trends in recreation programming, delivering excellent service despite tough budget times, establishing service levels to meet your customer's expectations, supervision and leadership, partnering on services and operations, and learning design trends in parks and facilities.

SuperCal 2008 will be held at the Stanford Sierra Conference Center on Fallen Leaf Lake, South Lake

Tahoe, CA from September 28-30. Early registration is currently being accepted through September 1 at the discounted rate of \$435 for section members. Following September 1, the registration price will increase to \$485 for section members. Registration fees include six meals, lodging and all sessions.

For more the information about SuperCal including the registration form, fees for non-members of the Supervisors or Parks Operations Sections, and daily rates please go to <http://recsup.cprs.org>.

Help Wanted

The District II Supervisor Section is actively seeking persons to help plan activities. Previous District II Supervisor Section activities have included a Lunch & Learn Series, Brochure Swaps, and the Catch The Summer Spirit Training at Sierra College.

If you would like to assist with any of these activities or if you have new ideas we hope that you will be able to attend our planning kickoff meeting on Wednesday, August 27. Please contact Rob Baquera at rbaquera@roseville.ca.us for more information.

California Aquatic Management School (CAMS)

For the past eight years the California Aquatic Management School has continued to grow in both numbers and national recognition. This year's conference is coming up October 8-10 at the UCLA Conference Center located in Lake Arrowhead, CA.

CAMS 2008 offers vast networking opportunities as well as nationally recognized speakers discussing topics such as the latest trends in aquatic programming, up to date aquatic safety research, municipal water parks, staff training and much more. The training increases your knowledge and awareness of the most important issue facing

aquatics today and is appropriate for all aquatics professionals from coordinators to administrators.

Space is limited and CAMS is popular, so early registration is highly recommended. All registrations must be postmarked by September 2.

To register, download the detailed brochure at <http://aquatics.cprs.org/>.

For more information please contact Jenni Worsham at 714.229.6782 or Heather Gutfeld at 949.724.6783.

The CPRS Aquatic Section looks forward to seeing you at Lake Arrowhead!



October 8-10, 2008

Lake Arrowhead
Conference Center

Moving On...



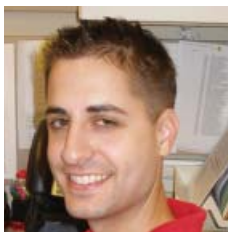
Jeff El-Bdour has accepted a position as assistant child development center director with United States Marine Corps Community Services. This new job takes him to Okinawa, Japan,

where he plans to live on base with his wife, Haruna, and their two daughters, Coco, 3, and Licere, who was born on May 23rd. Since 2002, Jeff has been our Recreation Supervisor for the senior center and active aging programs. In 2007, Jeff completed his masters in recreation administration from Sacramento State and this past spring passed the exam to become a certified parks and recreation professional (CPRP). While we will be losing a kind, caring and smart individual, the USMCCS will be gaining a professional ready to take his career to the next level. We will miss him and wish him the best of luck in the future. Stay in touch with Jeff by emailing him at Jbe78@hotmail.com.

Pauli Ayres retired from the city of West Sacramento in May after eight years as the department secretary. Her plans include living on her houseboat along the Sacramento River (something she's been doing as long as we've known her), spending time with her kids and grandchildren, and taking periodic trips to the Hawaiian Islands to stay tan and relax. We sure enjoyed her time here and wish her a happy and fun retirement!

Sam Crawford recently announced his retirement from the Fair Oaks Recreation & Park District. We wish Sam good luck as he begins this new phase in his life.

New Hires, Arrivals & Changes



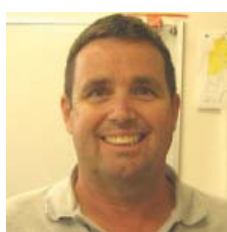
Mike Mashburn was hired in January as a Recreation Supervisor for West Sacramento and is in charge

of youth and adult sports. He was previously employed by the Cosumnes CSD as a recreation coordinator and obtained his degree in recreation administration, with a minor in business, from Sacramento State.



Katie Harris was hired in May as a recreation supervisor in charge of aquatics and tennis for West Sacramento.

Katie previously worked part time as a pool manager for the department for several summers. Katie graduated from UC Davis with a degree in history and political science and received her masters in public administration from CSU Eastbay in May.



Sam Cooney was hired in January as the West Sacramento's irrigation specialist. Sam will be responsible

for the maintenance and operations of the central irrigation system and the watering of over 145 acres of turf area in 33 parks. He has 30 years experience in the field of landscape design. Sam was previously employed by the City of Rocklin as an irrigation specialist.



Michelle Kimura joined West Sacramento Parks & Recreation to become our new department secretary.

She transferred from the city's Redevelopment Agency, where she served in a similar capacity for one-year. Michelle is a graduate of UC Davis with a degree in nature and culture.

Kaisa Miller has been with the West Sacramento Parks & Recreation department since October of 2005, working with youth and adult sports. Her role has changed and she will now be in charge of exercise and wellness at the new Recreation Center, scheduled to open in January. This past spring she passed the exam to become a certified parks and recreation professional (CPRP).

Brandi Dionne, recreation supervisor, gave birth to twin girls, Kaitlyn and Adeline, on March 14th. Mom, dad (Glenn) and the girls are doing well and Brandi has returned to work.

Roseville has recently welcomed three new babies to the family. **Kristi LaRoche**, recreation technician, started the year off by giving birth to her first child Hannah on January 1st. **Kate Miller**, recreation supervisor, welcomed Jack to her family on January 20th. **Anne Chacon**, marketing specialist, gave birth to Max on January 24. The proud moms are getting their kids involved in recreation already. They recently all took part in the same swim lessons.

New Projects

Community Center Approved

City Council approved the budget request and design for a new Community Center in **West Sacramento**. The facility, which will be located across from City Hall, will be part of the Civic Center District, which will include a new county library, a three-story Los Rios College extension, and a transit center. Measuring just under 20,000 square feet, the new Community Center will include a senior lounge,

125-seat black box theater, two early childhood recreation classrooms with 2nd floor play yard, multi-purpose room with catering kitchen, two classrooms, café, art gallery, staff offices, and display space for the historical society. Ground breaking for the new two-story building is expected to begin in January '09, with the opening of the facility to the public taking place by summer of 2010.

Now Open

Orangevale Recreation & Park District is pleased to announce the "retirement" of their old modular building as it has been replaced by a new activity building recently constructed on the Community Center site. Staff and the community are excited to take advantage of this new facility and are thrilled to have the much needed space.

CPRS Legislative Watch List

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Parks & Recreation...

- As an Element of Local & State Infrastructure
- In Support of Physical Activity & Healthy Living

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

CPRS Legislative Committee meetings are open to all CPRS members. The committee reviews newly introduced legislation to determine CPRS' position and tracks progress on bills it has either supported, opposed, or place on "watch." Meetings are held via conference calls which are held on

the 2nd Monday of the month. To join, call in from your desk to 712.432.3900, the access code is 3766298. Next meeting is **Monday, September 8** from 2 - 3:30pm. No meeting will be held in August.

STATE BILLS

CPRS POSITION

AB 31	Local Assistance Grant Funding: Prop 84	Support
AB 1358	Complete Streets Act	Support
AB 2504	Delta: Tourism & Marketing	Support
AB 2537	Public Works: exemption volunteers (extends to 2012)	Support
AB 2971	Transportation: Fair Share for Safety Program	Support
SB 107	Wave Pools (amended; status changed to support)	Support
SB 1674	Before & After School Programs	Support
SB 732	Implementation Prop 84 - Establish Forestland Conservation Program	Support
AB 983	Public Contracting	Oppose
AB 2716	Paid Sick Leave	Oppose
AB 2687	Parks & Nature Education Facilities	Watching
AB 2494	Housing Related Parks Program (support if amended)	Watching

AB 628 (Meal and Rest Periods: Lifeguards) Is Vetoed by Governor

Governor Schwarzenegger vetoed AB 628. Below is his veto message. Thank you to everyone who sent letters of opposition to the Governor.

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 628 without my signature. This bill is similar to a measure I vetoed last year because it failed to correct the broader inadequacies of California's meal period law and because it interfered with local governments' collective bargaining authority.

As the concerns raised in my prior veto message have not been addressed, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely, Arnold Schwarzenegger

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