

THE PARKS PULSE



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A Minute From the Manager

Welcome to the second issue of the Tulare County Parks newsletter, **The Parks Pulse**.

In this newsletter, you'll learn more about the Parks Advisory Committee, the Chairperson and how the committee supports the efforts of Tulare County Parks. You'll also find updates on improvements happening throughout our Parks, details on how the community continues to get involved, sponsorship opportunities, and highlights of recent Parks events.



ALBERT CENDEJAS

We have been hard at work across our 11 County Parks, completing a wide range projects to enhance the experience for our local community, and Park visitors. From the complete renovation of Bartlett Park, to new chain-link fencing along the north and south sides of Mooney Grove Park, these upgrades will enhance safety, access, and enjoyment. We are also excited to introduce our newly redesigned Parks Reservation System, providing you with a more convenient and user-friendly way to plan your next visit to our County Parks. We're committed to making your park experience as seamless and enjoyable as possible. These efforts reflect our ongoing dedication to preserving and improving these valuable spaces. We look forward to seeing you at the Park!

Parks Advisory Committee

Advising in Action

Have you ever wondered how you can provide input on what happens at Tulare County Parks?

The Parks Advisory Committee (PAC) was established by the Board of Supervisors (BOS) in May of 2015 to provide a forum for citizen input on Parks matters, such as funding, improvements, and maintenance. The PAC studies issues, advises on subjects, and makes recommendations to the BOS. PAC members also assist in the promotion of Park resources, features, and events within the community.

The committee is made up of five members, that are appointed by each member of the BOS to represent their district:



- Nancy Hawkins, District 1, Chair
- Armando Da Silva, District 2
- Nicolette Deming, District 3
- Melynda Metheney, District 4
- Donnie Moore, District 5, Vice-Chair

The PAC meets once a quarter on the third Thursday of the month from 3:30PM to 5:00PM at the Tulare County History of Farm Labor and Agriculture Museum Theater inside of Mooney Grove Park. The agenda can be found on the Tulare County Parks website at www.tularecountyparks.org under the Parks Advisory Committee section or follow us on Facebook and Instagram @tularecountyparks. The public is invited and encouraged to attend these meetings.

Meet Your Parks Advisory Committee Chair

My name is Nancy Hawkins and I am the Chair of the Tulare County Parks Advisory Committee (PAC). I joined this committee when it was formed in 2015 to show my support for County Parks by learning about the facilities in the Parks and how they are funded and maintained. During my time on the committee, particularly in the last three years, many improvements have been made to our County Parks. As a member of PAC, I want to ensure funding for County Parks continues and is used to best serve our County residents.

Why do I love Tulare County Parks? I am an outdoor person, and, what better place to be outdoors than in a Park. Tulare County Parks provide many opportunities to be together with family or friends. Or, to just relax by yourself! Parks provide safe places to play, picnic, fish, walk your dog, observe nature, visit a museum and play a quick game of frisbee, disc golf or soccer.



NANCY HAWKINS

As a long time resident of Tulare County, it has been my pleasure to serve on the Parks Advisory Committee for the last nine years, and I look forward to serving moving forward. I encourage you to visit and enjoy one of our Tulare County Parks. For more information as well as the location of the Parks managed by the County of Tulare, please visit www.tularecountyparks.org.

Grand Re-Opening Celebration at Bartlett Park



On Friday March 28, 2025 we celebrated the much anticipated "Grand Re-opening" of Bartlett Park located in Porterville. This re-opening was long awaited as the Park was closed for over two years due to severe storm damage caused by flooding in early 2023.

The floods washed away arbors, the pond pier, cement pads, disc golf baskets, and electrical boxes. Staff began emergency repairs immediately with the support of local contractors and volunteers.

Improvements are as follows:

- Soil Movement
- New Irrigation System
- New Irrigation Pump System
- New Domestic Water Well
- Paving
- Renovated Pier
- New Pond Lookout Pad
- Restroom Repairs
- Ponds Dredged
- Arbor Renovations
- New Arbors
- New Pond Pump
- New Benches and Grills
- New Fencing
- New Walking Trail

A special **Thank You** to those who made the re-opening a possibility by committing their time and resources during the last two years. We look forward to seeing the Park filled once again with individuals and families alike enjoying all of the amenities that the Park has to offer!

**THANK YOU
SO MUCH**



- Mr. Thom Black
- Lane Engineering
- Atkins Bergreen, Inc.
- Morris Levin & Son
- Central Valley Asphalt
- Site One
- Briner & Son, Inc.
- P-Town Bombers
- Central Valley Asphalt
- Cuco's Cuts' & Welding
- American Fence Builders
- Pacific Park & Play
- Rios Design Studio
- Willitts Equipment Co.
- Scott Belknap Well Drilling
- Central Cal Waterworks, Inc.
- Complete Construction Company, C.C.C.
- Barcellos Farm Transport, Inc.
- US Army Corps of Engineers
- Elite Landscape Construction, Inc.
- Benavides Construction Services
- Workforce Investment Board (WIB)
- Lower Tule Irrigation District
- Tulare County Sheriff's DRC/SWAP
- Community Services Employment Training (CSET)

Spring is in the Air at Tulare County Parks

Spring is here, bringing warmer weather and longer days, making it a great time to get outside and enjoy one of your Tulare County Parks! The fresh air and blooming flowers create a perfect setting for a community event, a casual picnic, or an Easter Celebration. Whether you're organizing an egg hunt, spending time with family, or just relaxing outdoors, this time of the year provides a comfortable and enjoyable atmosphere. It's a great opportunity to make the most of the season and enjoy time with friends and loved ones.



Memorial Tree & Bench Program

Honor a loved one by dedicating a tree or bench in their memory. Your tribute will add comfort and beautify the Park of your choice.

MEMORIAL TREE

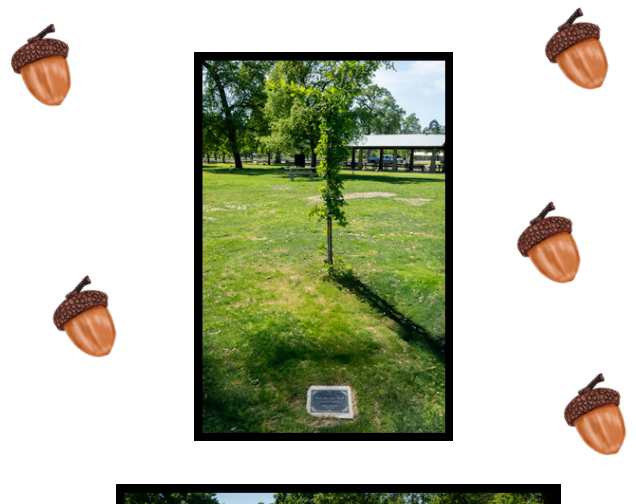
Staff will work with the donor to identify the location, and planting date. A pre-selected plaque inscribed with the name of your loved one will be placed near the tree.

INVESTMENT - \$1,000

MEMORIAL BENCH

Memorial Park benches are a predetermined style. A standard plaque inscribed with the name of your loved one will be placed on the bench.

INVESTMENT - \$5,000



For more information on memorial opportunities, please contact us at 559.205.1100

Sponsorship Spotlight

THANK YOU TO OUR NEWEST PARK SPONSORS!

- Visalia Runners (Cutler Park)
- Cutler-Orosi Lions Club (Ledbetter Park)

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