### MARTIN-FONTANA PARKS ASSOCIATION

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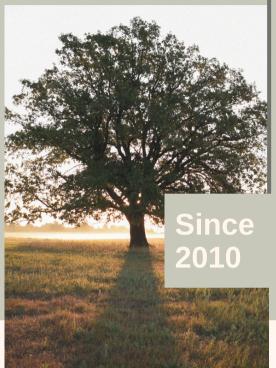
# NEWSLETTER



#### **Park Projects**

Our new rodent-free grassy areas are up and running! The grass has come in nicely and has allowed for areas to lay in the sun and enjoy turf sections not encumbered with gopher holes. The project to plant two sections of "gopher free" sod originated with two MFPA members in 2018.

They donated \$2,000 toward the project idea and the project became a reality in 2022 with donations of \$15,000 by MFPA and subsidies of total \$47,000 from Council District 10 and PRNS. The city and MFPA will continue to monitor the turf sections for holes tunneling up through the wire by gophers. This pilot project seems to be a success!





### **Event Update: Heart of the Park 2023**

- Bouncy obstacle course and rock paintings were enjoyed by lots of children and the 16 vendors were a great draw. Aside from the 5 craft booths, many non-profit groups provided information on environmental considerations as well as disaster preparedness. The mayor's office and D10 council office presented information.
- UKool Ladies provided nice backdrop music with their ukuleles.
- The Taco Truck worked non-stop to provide delicious food and the Police Van handed out hundreds of popsicles.
- The dog parade is always a hit, thank you to those who participated and had a lot of fun as captured by Steve & Jocelyn's Photography.
- Council member Arjun Batra helped us open the event, Mayor Mahan made his presence, and Senator Cortese re-presented MFPA with the CA Non-Profit of the Year Resolution!



# MFPA MAKES A DIFERENCE

## Linda Wilson Award

Linda Wilson was presented with an award to honor her innumerable contributions to Martin and Fontana Parks. A plaque will be installed in the park for her. She is ready to "pass the torch" now and can be considered a Board Member Emeritus but will be stepping back to allow us "younger folks" to take the lead and put in the time/talent necessary to continue the MFPA traditions of providing safe and beautiful parks for our community members!





### How to get involved

- 1. Come to a board meeting
- 2. Work on a committee
- 3. Help out at an event
- 4. Use your talents to improve our organization
- 5. Donate All proceeds go towards improving the park Contact us through social media or on our website.



### **Together SJ Survey**

MFPA has been working together with the City of San Jose. Learn more about this partnership. Read the full article on our Facebook page.

### Winter Work Day

February 17 we had a winter work day with over 45 people signed up. This was a great turn out and we got a lot of work done. Our volunteers were outstanding and even Matt Mahan got his hands in the dirt! We have several more work days planned this year and hope you all can join us!



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