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Fall 2022

Haywood Patch Update

Gopher Hole-Free Grassy Patches Coming to Jeffrey Fontana Park SOON!

A year or so ago, Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services (PRNS) began turf removal and fencing in the two patches of park-land near the Fontana Dog Park. The project has been named Haywood Patch because of the initial funds donated by Chuck and Gail Haywood. Funding for this pilot project has been enhanced with MFPA donations and San José City Council, who all feel that park users will greatly benefit from access to park space that is free of gopher holes.

MFPA leadership has maintained close collaboration with Parks administration. Veronica Schulte, Parks Manager for Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, City of San José provided the following update:

Last weekend the team pulled and releveled sections on the first area and are working this weekend to do the same on the second area. Typically with these types of installations, there is a 2" standard overlap between strips of mesh, we've increased the overlap to 4" and added additional pinning to the seams, with special attention to more vulnerable areas like the edges and near the tree basins. The first area is completely contained by a cement mow band, however, the second is not completely contained. The Team will install a barrier to enclose this second area.



The mesh was laid by hand. It was labor intensive work but a "stretching" machine was not recommended for 20 gauge gopher mesh. Stretching machines are typically used for wire fencing which is usually composed of 14 gauge wire and can withstand mechanical installation. The next steps will be to work with a contractor to lay the topsoil and install the sod. The timing of the sod will be right on track, as we are entering cooler temperatures and shorter days, and as with any new turf installation, we will be increasing the watering as prescribed until the sod has been established."

As we move into October, the topsoil and sod will be added with watering. Parkgoers should enjoy hole-free zones to enjoy safer play & picnicking by next spring!

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Fresh Look for our Parks

Have you walked east of Golf Creek Bridge in Jeffrey Fontana Park lately? If you have, you probably got a big surprise!



Our new permanent PRNS Maintenance Supervisor, Brian Schultz, and his assistant, Melody Goodwin, brought in the California Conservation Corps to help with the maintenance backlog in both Jeffrey Fontana and TJ Martin Parks.

The Corps began working in early September at Almaden Expressway and are working their way west to Meridian. When Fontana Park is completed, they will move into TJ Martin Park.



At Harvest Oak Way, a huge volunteer silk tree which had plagued neighbors for years was cut down and mulched.

The mulch from the tree is now covering a large part of the dirt area near the

homes. Over twenty silk tree seedlings were also removed near the PG&E tower, and the Corps cleared dead brush and plants while trimming trees to improve their health. The Corps is now working from McAbee toward Meridian Avenue, clearing out overgrown brushy areas and trimming trees in Fontana Park. Eventually they will work their way into TJ Martin and remove dead and excess brush along the fence lines.

OCTOBER 2022

VOLUNTEER EVENTS HELP KEEP OUR PARKS CLEAN

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Jeffrey Fontana Park Beautification Project

Help restore the health and beauty of the west end of Jeffrey Fontana park!

Saturday, October 1 | 8:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Workday volunteers who attend our Heart of the Park event on October 29 will get a free large pumpkin!



Tools, water and snacks will

be provided. We suggest you bring your own gloves and wear protective shoes, shirts with sleeves, and jeans to cover your legs! **STUDENTS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 MUST HAVE WRITTEN PARENT PERMISSION.** Community service hours will be provided to students who volunteer.



Sign Up Now

Heart of the Park

Date: Saturday, October 29, 2022

Time: 1pm - 3:30pm

Cost: FREE!

**Location: Jeffrey Fontana Park
(side closest to Meridian)**

Volunteers Needed!
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