



COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

October 27, 2016
5:00 P.M. MEETING

AGENDA

Escondido City Hall Council Chambers
201 N. Broadway

CALL TO ORDER

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL: Commissioners Bologna, Defrain, Garcia, Inscoc, Israel, Lopez, Simonson, Stephens

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES for June 23, 2016

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

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CURRENT BUSINESS

- 1. RECREATION PROGRAM UPDATE**
(STAFF REPORT - Danielle M. Lopez - Community Services)
- 2. CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE**
(STAFF REPORT - Loretta McKinney – Community Services)

3. **OLDER ADULT SERVICES UPDATE SUMMER 2016 – FALL 2016
Staff Report (Danielle Lopez and Jilaine Hernandez-Community Services)**

NEW BUSINESS

4. **RUBBER INFILL USE
(STAFF REPORT - Loretta McKinney – Community Services)**
5. **COMMUNITY SERVICES NEW LOGO
(STAFF REPORT – Loretta McKinney – Community Services)**
6. **RECREATION PROGRAMS FEE UPDATE
(STAFF REPORT – Danielle Lopez – Community Services)**
7. **COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT FISCAL YEAR 2016-17
BUDGET UPDATE
(STAFF REPORT – Loretta McKinney – Community Services)**
8. **AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO THE
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION – YOUTH COMMISSIONER
POSITION
(STAFF REPORT – Loretta McKinney – Community Services)**

COMMISSION MEMBERS COMMENTS

Future Agenda Items

ADJOURNMENT

The date of the next meeting will be **Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.** in the Council Chambers - City Hall.

TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

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CITY OF ESCONDIDO

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

June 23, 2016

The special meeting of the Community Services Commission was called to order at 5:00 p.m., Thursday, by Chair Simonson in the City Council Chambers, 201 North Broadway, Escondido, California.

Members present: Chair Simonson, Commissioner Jose Garcia, Commissioner Bologna, Commissioner Inscoe, Commissioner Lopez, Commissioner Stephens, and Commissioner Israel.

Commissioners absent: Commissioner Brandon Garcia, and Commissioner DeFrain.

Staff present: Loretta McKinney, Director of Library and Community Services; Danielle Lopez, Assistant Director of Community Services; Janet Rulien, Administrative Coordinator; Karen Williams, Manager – Community Services; and Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk.

MINUTES:

Moved by Commissioner Jose Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Bologna, to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2016, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. EL CABALLO PARK NATURAL EXPLORATION AREA

Director McKinney referenced the staff report and noted that staff recommended the Commission consider the presentation provided by landscape architect Timothy Smith, President of Wynn-Smith Landscape Architecture, Inc., provide appropriate comments regarding the project, and provide approval in concept.

Timothy Smith, President of Wynn-Smith Landscape Architecture, Inc., provided the landscape and architectural plans for the Natural Exploration area for the El Caballo Park. He noted that the area would promote creativity and interaction through the use of natural materials from nature found on the site. He then provided an overview of the proposed materials and configurations as well as site conditions. He noted that they had already begun collecting materials, noting all work was

being performed by volunteers.

Marilyn Carpenter, Escondido, Board of Directors for the El Caballo Park Conservancy, stated that they were a dedicated diversified group who had considerable community involvement in obtaining City Council support for the Park master plan. She asked that the Commission approve the proposed conceptual plan, noting this would enable them to move forward with their plans to continue developing the Park. She felt funding sources would come forward once the public saw something tangible on the property.

Steve Berrol, President of the El Caballo Park Conservancy, Escondido, stated that while the Escondido Charitable Foundation understood that the 12-month deadline to complete the project could be surpassed, obtaining conceptual approval from the Commission would help meet the deadline. He then provided some background history regarding the formation of the El Caballo Park Conservancy and noted that one of the goals was to preserve the equestrian history and work in conjunction with the Humane Society. Mr. Berrol then read an excerpt from a research study, which outlined the benefits of natural play, that included enhancing the cognitive and behavioral skills of children and promoted better health. He noted that the Conservancy had met all the City requirements for leasing the land and creating the design and asked for Commission approval of the conceptual plan.

Commissioner Inscoe asked if the logs would be treated. Mr. Smith noted that the logs would be sanded and treated.

Commissioner Lopez referenced a study conducted in Australia that showed students did better all around when they had playground equipment. She and Mr. Berrol then discussed the terms for the lease on the land.

Commissioner Bologna commended the individuals involved with the project. He then asked if the donations were moving forward. Mr. Berrol noted that part of the difficulty in approaching potential funding sources was that no detailed plans had been developed, noting that there was some interest at the County level. He stated that they had already purchased liability insurance. He also elaborated that they had two grants pending with the County.

Commissioner Bologna asked if any seed funds were available from the original \$50,000. Mr. Berrol replied in the negative. He stated that the subject project would probably be exempt from needing an Environmental Impact Review. He also indicated that they had received \$24,500 from the Escondido Charitable Foundation.

Commissioner Israel was in favor of the project, feeling it would be a great resource for children and the community. She suggested looking at the Cal Wellness Foundation for potential funding.

Commissioner Jose Garcia thanked the individuals involved in the project. He questioned whether there would be a barrier between older and younger children as well as an area for parents to sit. Mr. Smith replied in the affirmative, noting that more seating could be added as needed.

Commissioner Israel questioned whether bathrooms would be a part of this project. Mr. Smith replied in the negative and stated that a Porta-Potty was currently located near the subject site.

Chairman Simonson asked if there were standards for natural material. Mr. Smith noted that deterioration of the wood is natural and would have to be replaced in the future, but that the US Safe Playground Safety Standards have been taken into consideration.

Chairman Simonson asked if signage was prevalent for the upcoming project. Mr. Smith replied in the negative.

Commissioner Stevens liked that the proposed design, feeling it would challenge children.

Commissioner Bologna was in favor of all of the proposed activities for the project.

Mr. Smith thanked Director McKinney and Jay Petrek for their help.

ACTION:

Moved by Commissioner Israel, seconded by Commissioner Jose Garcia, to approve staff's recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

2. COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT PROPOSED PHOTO AND VIDEO POLICY STATEMENT

Assistant Director Lopez referenced the staff report and noted that staff's recommendation was for the Commission to receive and provide input on the Photo and Video Policy statement.

Commissioner Israel asked if individuals were questioning the subject language after it had been signed. Ms. Lopez replied in the negative, noting that the City was being proactive.

Commissioner Bologna questioned what would occur if an individual did not sign the waiver and happened to be in an area where a photo or video was taken. Ms. McKinney noted this was the reason for signage being posted stating that photos or videos might be taken.

Commissioner Inscoe asked if staff had instances where an individual did not want their photo taken. Ms. Lopez replied in the affirmative and indicated it was then noted in the person's file.

Commissioner Jose Garcia noted that churches were taking the same precautions.

Discussion ensued regarding a clarification of how publication photos were selected.

NEW BUSINESS:

Director McKinney noted that Coordinator Rulien would be sending out an Outlook appointment reminder to Commissioners of future meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Director McKinney asked if the Commission wanted to cancel the July 28 meeting. The Commission directed staff to cancel the July 28 meeting.

COMMISSION MEMBERS COMMENTS:

The Commissioners thanked staff for a job well done.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m. The next regular meeting was scheduled for October 27, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.



Loretta McKinney, Director of
Library and Community Services

Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk



**COMMUNITY SERVICES
COMMISSION**

**Agenda Item No. 1:
Date: 10.27.2016**

TO: Chair Simonson and Members of the Community Services Commission
FROM: Loretta McKinney, Director of Library & Community Services
Danielle Lopez, Assistant Director of Community Services
SUBJECT: Recreation Programs Update

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.

BACKGROUND:

Each season the Recreation Division provides opportunities for all ages to engage in high quality programs, classes and activities that promote and encourage healthy living through physical activity, life-long learning and engagement.

The following report highlights some of the accomplishments and upcoming activities for the Recreation Division.

Recreation Classes

- The 2016 Fall Recreation Guide was delivered to the community and businesses on Friday, July 29th. The front cover of the Guide was inspired by the partnership between Escondido Recreation and the Escondido Police Department.
- In an effort to recuperate printing and distribution costs of the Recreation Guide, advertising space is now available for purchase. The Escondido Police Department purchased the outside, back cover for three add cycles, totaling \$4,752. In addition, the Escondido Public Library purchased the inside, back cover for a one-time ad, totaling \$1,465.
- Twenty-two new classes were added this Fall season including: Clay for All Ages, Learning Science with Art, Curls for Girls, Painting from the HeART, Create Living Succulent Art and Fencing for Fitness.
- The Community Services Department hosted the First Annual Summer Kick-Off event on June 11, 2016. This free community event, held in Washington Park, "kicked off" the summer season, highlighting the various classes and activities offered and included:
 - Class Demonstrations
 - Skate Park Demonstrations

- Games run by After School Program staff
 - Police Athletic League (PAL) representatives
 - Police K-9 Demonstration
 - Fire Engine and Ambulance exhibitions
 - Resource booths
- The 2017 Winter/Spring Recreation Guide is currently in production and will be distributed to the community Monday, December 5, 2016.

East Valley Community Center (EVCC)

- Classical Academy high school continues to rent the East Valley Community Center Gymnasium for basketball and volleyball practices. They are currently in Girl's Volleyball season and utilize the gym an average of 10 hours per week in addition to hosting two home games.
- Christian Life Academy has returned for basketball season and currently utilizes the EVCC gym for an average of 10 hours per week.
- Heritage Flex Academy is now renting the dance studio for two hours per week to offer dance classes for their students.

Aquatics Programs – James Stone and Washington Park Pools

Swim Club/Water Polo

- Renegade Aquatics continues to offer competitive Swim Team and Water Polo programs at both James A. Stone and Washington Park pools. Both the Water Polo and the Swim Team operate five days a week averaging 14 hours of use per week. These programs attract athletes from all over North County. The initial contract has been renewed and is effective through August 2017.

Learn to Swim Lessons

- Summer lessons, held at both James A. Stone and Washington Park pools, began on June 13, and ran through August 18. Approximately 320 swim lessons were taught with over 1,600 participants. The new swim lesson structure proved to be more convenient for families and staff.
- Due to renovations expected to begin at James A. Stone Pool in September, fall lessons were held at Washington Park Pool. The series ran from September 10, through October 1. Twenty lessons were taught with 100 participants.

Open Swim

- Open Swim ran from June 11, through August 21. Over 200 hours were offered to the public and over 1700 people participated in the program.

Facility Rental

- Escondido High School and Classical Academy currently rent both pools for Boy's Water Polo. Both schools rent the facility for an average of 10 hours per week. The current season ends the last week of October with playoffs scheduled for early November.
- Escondido High School, Classical Academy and Orange Glenn Girl's Water Polo will begin November 14.

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Escondido Sports Center (ESC) at Kit Carson Park

Youth Soccer – Ages 3 to 14

- The youth soccer program provides a fun, engaging season of skill building and team sport awareness.
- The Summer Season ran for eight weeks, from July 14 – September 17, with 289 participants.
- The fall season began on October 6, will run for 10 weeks and currently has 338 participants.
- Seventy-five volunteer coaches currently assist with the Youth Soccer Program

Inline Hockey Leagues

- The youth inline hockey program is currently contracted with San Diego District Hockey League. Per the league, there are 23 teams currently registered for youth inline hockey high school varsity, junior varsity, and middle school divisions.
- The adult inline hockey program, currently run by City staff, consists of 18 teams. The current season will begin on October 25, 2016.

Escondido Skate Park

- Between July 1, 2016 and September 30, 2016, 1,497 participants attended open skate sessions.
- On August 27 & 28, the skate park hosted the Pro Scooter Series, amateur and professional competition. Escondido Skate Park was one of the two U.S. stops on their tour.
- Three Skate, Scooter, and Bike Summer Camps were offered, with a total of 44 participants learning new skills and “tricks”.

Upcoming Skate Park events include:

- Saturday, October 29 – The Great BMX Pumpkin Jam from 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.
- Sunday, October 30 – Annual Scootoberfest Event from 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Upcoming non-City sponsored events held at Kit Carson Park

- November 5th – Church Serve Day in Kit Carson Park
- November 12th – Palomar Health Staff Tennis Tournament

Youth Programs

Summer Camp

- Capitalizing on the popularity of the Summer Olympics, Discovery Kids Camp utilized the theme “Road to Rio” wherein activities were based on the Olympic Games.
- Summer 2016 showed a slight increase in participation this can be attributed, in part, to the introduction of single day rates.

POWER Mobile Recreation

- Through a partnership with the Neighborhood Services Division, POWER Mobile Recreation, once again, offered free summer activities at Grove Park. Three days a week,

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., youth ages 5-14 were provided a safe space to socialize and play. In addition to the activities, a healthy lunch was provided through the Summer Food Service Program offered by the Escondido Union High School District.

Tiny Tots Preschool

- The Tiny Tots Preschool Program offers a wide range of classes for infants, toddlers, and pre-k youth.
 - The parent and me, Wee Tots (18 months – 3½ years), class continues to reach capacity and incur waiting lists. As a result, a Saturday class has been added.
 - Enrollment in the Little Tots (3-4 years) and Super Tots (4-5 years) classes, increased by 5% from the same time period last year.

Tiny Tot Preschool Camp

- During the summer of 2016, the Tiny Tots preschool program offered a series of single and multiple week camps including Camp Tots, Kamp Kindergarten, Foamy Sticky Fun Camp, Knights & Princesses Camp, Splish Splash Camp, and Zoofari Camp. The camps served over 100 campers during the 6-week program.

ASES Before/After School Program

- The program is designed as an extension of the school day to assist students in a safe and academically supportive environment.
- Includes STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) programming.
- During the 2015/2016 school year, the ASES before/after school program served on average over 750 students daily. The Juniper ASES Program showed the best overall ADA (average daily attendance) with 135% for the morning program and 102% for the afternoon program.

Drop-In Program

- The 2015/2016 school year increased participation levels at the (fee-based) after school program from the previous year that resulted in exceeding our revenue goals by over 40%. The first 30-days of the 2016/2017 school year is showing similar attendance trends.

Youth & Adult Sports

PAL Basketball

- Currently in the fall season, the league has over 80 children enrolled.
- The league is open to all youth, 2nd grade through 8th grade.
- The annual Officers vs. Alumni game, held in August, was another success with the Alumni winning the game in overtime.

Adult Softball Leagues/Tournaments

- Adult softball participation has gradually increased over the last few years. The summer season brought in 80 teams and crowned 13 different Champions in addition to hosting 10 adult level softball tournaments.
- Ryan Park hosted the annual Peninsula Women's Soccer League (PWSL) adult soccer tournament in the Women's and Coed divisions.

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Youth Sports Leagues/Tournaments

- In July, Kit Carson Park hosted the annual Triple Crown World Series. The tournament brought in teams from all over the western region of the United States with close to 40 teams and as many as 600 families.
- Ryan Park hosted the Dave Shelton youth soccer tournament with 120 teams and 1,800 families.
- National Little League hosted the California Southern Section State Championships on the Mountain View Park baseball fields. Little League teams competed to represent the southern section in San Bernardino, for the Western Region Championship. The Chula Vista team won both the southern section and western regional tournament and moved on to the Little League World Series in Pennsylvania.
- With sports tourism becoming an increasing trend across the country, Escondido is becoming a destination for youth sports tournaments.

Respectfully submitted,



Loretta McKinney
Director of Library & Community Services



Danielle Lopez
Assistant Director of Community Services



COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

Agenda Item No. 2:
Date: 10.27.16

TO: Chair Simonson and Members of the Community Services Commission
FROM: Loretta McKinney, Director of Library and Community Services
SUBJECT: Capital Project Update

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.

BACKGROUND:

As you may recall from previous staff reports on this topic, each fiscal year, City Council approves funding from the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget to pay the expenses of various capital projects. The dollars that create the CIP account budget come from different sources including, but not limited to, Park Development Fees, Federal grants, gas tax revenues, etc. Capital projects are major infrastructure construction, maintenance, and other improvements, which may include parks, facilities, streets, and signage, for example. Capital projects may also include "soft" purchases such as books, master plans, and major technology improvements. Quarterly updates on all City of Escondido capital projects can be accessed on the City's website at: <https://www.escondido.org/capital-improvement-program.aspx>.

The following is an update on the active capital projects related to the Community Services Department.

East Valley Community Center – Exterior Painting:

This project is to paint the wood trim and fascia of the EVCC's front exterior. The funding source is from the Housing Related Project (HRP) Grant. This project is complete.

East Valley Community Center - Street Sign Design and Installation:

As the existing monument sign that is located on the curb area on East Valley Parkway is out of date and dilapidated, this project will provide a new design, as well as will remove and replace the existing sign with a new, lighted sign. Funding for this project is from the HRP Grant. This project has been completed.

Grape Day Park Playground Equipment:

As the first funded phase of the Grape Day Park Master Plan, this project will provide new play equipment, including a swing set, and surrounding landscape design. The project will also address the old oak tree that was cut back last year. The play area design, equipment, and construction costs are from a combination of HRP and Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Park Development Funds (PDF).

The play equipment and surrounding landscape is finished and the area was opened to the community on September 16, 2016. Staff is ready to proceed with the next phase of the Grape Day Park Play Equipment project, which is addressing the old, large tree stump adjacent to the Vinehenge and new play structure.

After receiving an assessment of the tree from West Coast Arborists, staff recommends carving the tree, using either reallocated Housing Related Park funds and/or Park Development Funds to pay for the project. Possible carving ideas include seating, a planter, a play structure (staircase, crawl-through, stage, etc.), or an artistic carving.

It was suggested that carving designs be obtained from local students and submitted to the tree carver for his review as a feasible project. The viable designs would then be submitted to the City Council for final selection.

It is anticipated the entire process as described above, could take up to several months. The cost for a simple project is in the \$15,000 range and a more elaborate project could cost up to \$35,000 or more.

Since this tree is considered by the community as an historical part of Grape Day Park, carving it into an artful, useful structure would give recognition to this thought, making it a positive focus in the Park.

Several other projects in Grape Day Park include the Train Depot re-roofing and exterior re-painting. Both aspects of this project were completed in June 2016.

The Vinehenge play equipment was damaged. The artists were onsite for several months and completed the required structural and aesthetic repairs.

James Stone Pool:

In anticipation of a potential new library being built in the Grape Day Park locale, the original goal of this project, which was to expand the deck area around the pool complex, adding new fencing, concrete decking, storage shed, bleachers, and a shade structure has been suspended. However, the additional work to re-plaster the pool and to bring the facility up to ADA and current code requirements is still in process. This project is funded with both CIP – PDF and HRP Grant funding. The City is in the process of design development now. The estimated start date is January, with a completion date of May 2017.

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Kit Carson Park - Hockey Roof:

A new engineering design for ventilation has been developed to stop the ongoing condensation that results in wet hockey floors, which reduces the lifespan of the floor and creates slippery areas, affecting the hockey play. Funding for the design and install of the ventilation system is from the CIP – Park Development Fund. This project is finished.

Kit Carson Park - Hockey Floor:

The Community Services Department recently had an excellent opportunity to purchase a “demo” floor at a reduced cost for the Hockey Arena at Kit Carson Park, resulting in a significant savings for the City and responsible use of taxpayer money. Using remaining funds from the Hockey Arena vents CIP projects, Community Services will have enough funds to cover the cost of one “demo” floor and one new floor with two new scoreboards.

As the existing Arena floors are the original floors, they have outlived their warranty period and are in poor condition. The condition of the floors have resulted in a loss of revenue as professional teams refuse to play at the Arena and have moved to other non-Escondido locations. Our local teams, adults, parents, and coaches have also complained about the floors and staff’s “band-aid” fixes are no longer effective.

Community Services staff were approached by one of the Hockey League coaches who has ties to hockey professionals, gear, and equipment. He was able to secure the demo floor and has offered to provide the volunteer labor to install the floor.

This demo floor, along with the purchase of a new new floor and scoreboards, will provide our community the ability to play hockey as well as other sports, such as pickleball and basketball during the day in a shaded arena, which will increase revenues while benefiting additional community members; a win-win situation for all.

The anticipated completion dates of the demo floor is mid-November and the new floor is mid-January.

Kit Carson Park - Lighting:

The goal of this project is to install lighting in four parking lots at Kit Carson Park where lighting currently does not exist. The project will include adding conduit for future security camera cabling. In addition, all the lights in the Park will be upgraded to LED’s, which will result in longevity of the lights and less cost to operate them. The affected parking lots where new lighting will be installed will be re-paved and the concrete curbing will be re-formed as part of this project’s scope. The project is funded from CIP – PDF, is in the final design stages, and will be going out to bid soon. The anticipated date of completion is January 2017.

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Park Avenue Community Center:

As there are multiple buildings located at the PACC, there are also multiple projects occurring that relate to each of the different buildings as follows:

Dorothy E. Boeger Building (DEBB) – This project includes interior texturing, painting, new carpet and flooring, and the installation of a new exterior overhang. Funding for this project is from the HRP Grant. This project has been completed.

Shuffle Board Building – New interior paint on the walls and ceiling with new carpet will be installed in this room. The Housing Related Project Grant funds this project. The painting is now complete and the new carpet has been installed. This part of the project is completed.

Main Building Overhang – The shade projection spanning the front of the PACC and the west side of the Auditorium will be replaced. This project also includes the pergola that is between the main building and the nutrition center. HRP funds will be used for the overhang and the pergola replacements. This project, in addition to new landscaping in the front of the building has been completed..

Sign Package – This project is for new exterior and interior signage for the facility. The exterior signs reflect the Park Avenue Community Center wording that replaces the original Jocelyn Senior Center facility name. Funding for this is from the CIP – Park Development Funding. This project is finished.

Oak Hill Activity Center:

Restoration of the entire exterior building, including painting, stucco repair, and shade structure painting has been completed. Interior restoration, including painting, restroom flooring and stalls, coving throughout the facility, drywall repair, new cabinets and countertops is also part of this project. Funding is from the Housing Related Project Grant. All work has been completed.

Park Concession Stands:

There are currently five concession stand projects all sharing the same goal of repurposing the stands to be in compliance with the County Environmental Health Department requirements for serving pre-packaged foods. The concession stands have funding from the CIP – Park Development Fund. There has been no new changes to the status of the concessions since January 2016.

Kit Carson Park – There are three concession stand projects currently in the process of being repurposed or will soon be repurposed. They include the Adult Softball Concession, which has been completed; the Escondido Girls Softball League, which has been completed; and the Escondido Youth Baseball League, which has not yet been initiated.

Jesmond Dene Park – The American Little League concession stand project has not yet begun.

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Mountain View Park – The Escondido National Little League completed their upgrades.

Ryan Park – The Escondido Soccer Club has yet to initiate any repurposing projects on this concession.

Washington Park:

There are several projects on the list for completion at Washington Park as follows:

Pool – The main pool and wading pool have been re-plastered using HRP Grant funds. The project has been completed.

Tennis Courts – the original goal is to repurpose the tennis courts and make them usable for both tennis and pickleball. However, as a result of a very informal survey of the community using the Park at the June 11, CSD Summer Programs Kick-off event, staff became aware that no one knew about pickleball. Therefore, the existing funds available will be used to repurpose the courts into larger basketball courts. The funding source is from the CIP – Park Development Fund with no anticipated date of completion at this writing.

Recreation Building – The interior and exterior of this facility and the grounds immediately surrounding the building are in need of restoration. Some minor upgrades, such as painting the interior, were completed by the City's Building Maintenance team. The City is currently applying for additional HRP grant funds to address the remaining issues with this facility. No completion date is available at this time.

In conclusion this report provides an update on the active capital improvement projects that are directly affecting programs provided and facilities used by the Community Services Department. Staff will continue to provide updates to the Commission on all existing and new projects.

Respectfully submitted,



Loretta McKinney
Director of Library and Community Services

**COMMUNITY SERVICES
COMMISSION**

**Agenda Item No. 3:
Date: 10.27.16**

TO: Chair Simonson and Members of the Community Services Commission

FROM: Danielle Lopez, Assistant Director of Community Services
Jilaine Hernandez, Supervisor III

SUBJECT: Older Adult Services Update Summer 2016 – Fall 2016

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.

BACKGROUND:

The mission of the Older Adult Services Division is to provide healthy, vibrant living through meaningful social and community connections. One of the main goals is to foster independence and vitality through participation in programs and services that offer lifelong learning and social and volunteer opportunities for seniors 50+.

Summer 2016 Highlights

Activities

Seniors participated in many enjoyable summertime events including:

- Flag Day
- Summer Kick Off Party
- Health Benefits of Massage
- 4th of July Celebration
- How to Use Facebook
- Ukulele Presentation

Facility Update

Several improvement projects have been completed at the Park Avenue Community Center including:

- The main building and nutrition building roofs were repaired and replaced.
- New and upgraded overhangs were added to the auditorium and Senior Service Council entrances.
- The patio adjacent to the auditorium was enlarged.
- A new overhang, lighting and benches were installed at the front of the Community Center.
- A new, modern monument sign was constructed and drought tolerant landscape was installed.

- New signage was placed throughout the facility.
- Meeting rooms, previously identified by numbers, were issued names. The new names have been a welcoming change to staff, facility users, and seniors.

<u>Previous Room Name</u>	<u>New Room Name</u>
▪ Room #1	▪ Joslyn Lounge
▪ Room #3	▪ Sycamore Room
▪ Room #4	▪ Maple Room
▪ Room #5	▪ Cedar Room
▪ DEBB Meeting Rm.	▪ Oak Room

We are currently in the final stages of this major project. Improvements still in progress are:

- Park Avenue Café exterior signage.
- Painting to the exterior of the building.
- Landscaping in the back courtyard area.

Fall 2016 Highlights

Activities:

September through December, the Community Center will offer many activities to keep seniors social and active. These activities and events will include:

- Senior Shuffleboard Competition
- Talk Like a Pirate
- The Basics of Being a Tenant or Landlord
- Remembering our Veterans
- Creative Ornament and Card Making
- Holiday Tree Decorating
- Holiday Sing-along
- Annual Jingle Jubilee Concert
- A Winter Solstice Celebration

Holiday Volunteers:

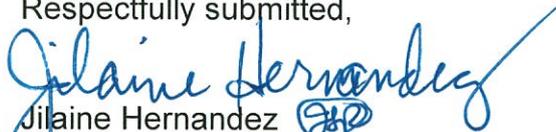
During the holiday season, we look for additional volunteers to serve holiday lunches to our Escondido seniors. The holidays that we are in need of assistance are Thanksgiving lunch on November 23, Christmas lunch on December 23, and New Year's Eve lunch on December 30, from 11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Fall Food Pantry:

In July 2016, Angel's Depot, a non-profit organization that provided free senior

emergency meal boxes, closed its doors. The program helped thousands of San Diego based seniors during their 10 year run. This was a great loss to our regular seniors, who counted on receiving that food assistance each month. Without this food assistance, some seniors have had to make the decision of purchasing food or medications. Due to this closure, we have had an increase in seniors requesting food vouchers and/or non-perishable food items. The community center is currently collecting and stocking a food pantry which will enable seniors to have access to nutritious ready-to-eat meals when needed.

Respectfully submitted,


Jilaine Hernandez 
Supervisor III
Services


Danielle Lopez
Assistant Director of Community

**COMMUNITY SERVICES
COMMISSION**

**Agenda Item No. 4:
Date: 10.27.16**

TO: Chair Simonson and Members of the Community Services Commission
FROM: Loretta McKinney, Director of Library and Community Services
SUBJECT: Rubber Infill Use

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.

BACKGROUND:

As a result of this Commission's discussion regarding the El Caballo Park Natural Exploration Area at the June 23, 2016, Community Services Commission meeting, Commissioner Lopez later requested further discussion regarding the use of rubber on playgrounds. The purpose of this agenda item is to provide current and credible information materials regarding the topic for discussion.

The question is whether rubber infill, also known as rubber turf, crumb rubber, etc. poses a health risk, or not. While previous Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reports indicate that the rubber is safe, many supporters and critics still want a definitive answer. Three Federal agencies, the EPA, the Centers for Disease Control, and the Consumer Product Safety Commission have joined together to conduct further testing and investigate the safety of the artificial rubber turf.

The City of Escondido has one playground, the exterior Tiny Tots play area at the East Valley Community Center (EVCC) and uses the rubber infill in the Kit Carson Park (KCP) soccer fields.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Parents Want San Diego Unified to Reverse Field on Turf Installations

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One recess last spring at Loma Portal Elementary School, Erika Lundeen saw something odd. Children rolling around on the field had little black specks on their bodies.

"Some were even picking them up and chucking it at each other," Lundeen, a substitute teacher, said.

The particles were crushed-up car tires known as crumb rubber, commonly used as a filler between blades of artificial grass. The rubber acts as a cushion and is the infill of choice for major synthetic turf companies nationwide, including San Diego Unified's favorite, [FieldTurf](#) ^[1].

Lundeen began researching crumb rubber online and came across news articles about a group of soccer players in Washington who were diagnosed with lymphoma, leukemia and other types of cancer.

University of Washington assistant soccer coach Amy Griffin noticed the pattern and created [Amy's List](#) ^[2] — an online database of players with cancer who played on artificial turf. There are [more than 220 names on it](#) ^[3], most of them soccer players under 26 years old.

In February, three federal agencies announced the launch of a [joint study on the safety of recycled tire crumb](#) ^[4] in fields and playgrounds, saying existing studies do not adequately evaluate the health risks of tire crumb exposure.

The coalition, which includes the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, plans to present initial findings by the end of the year.

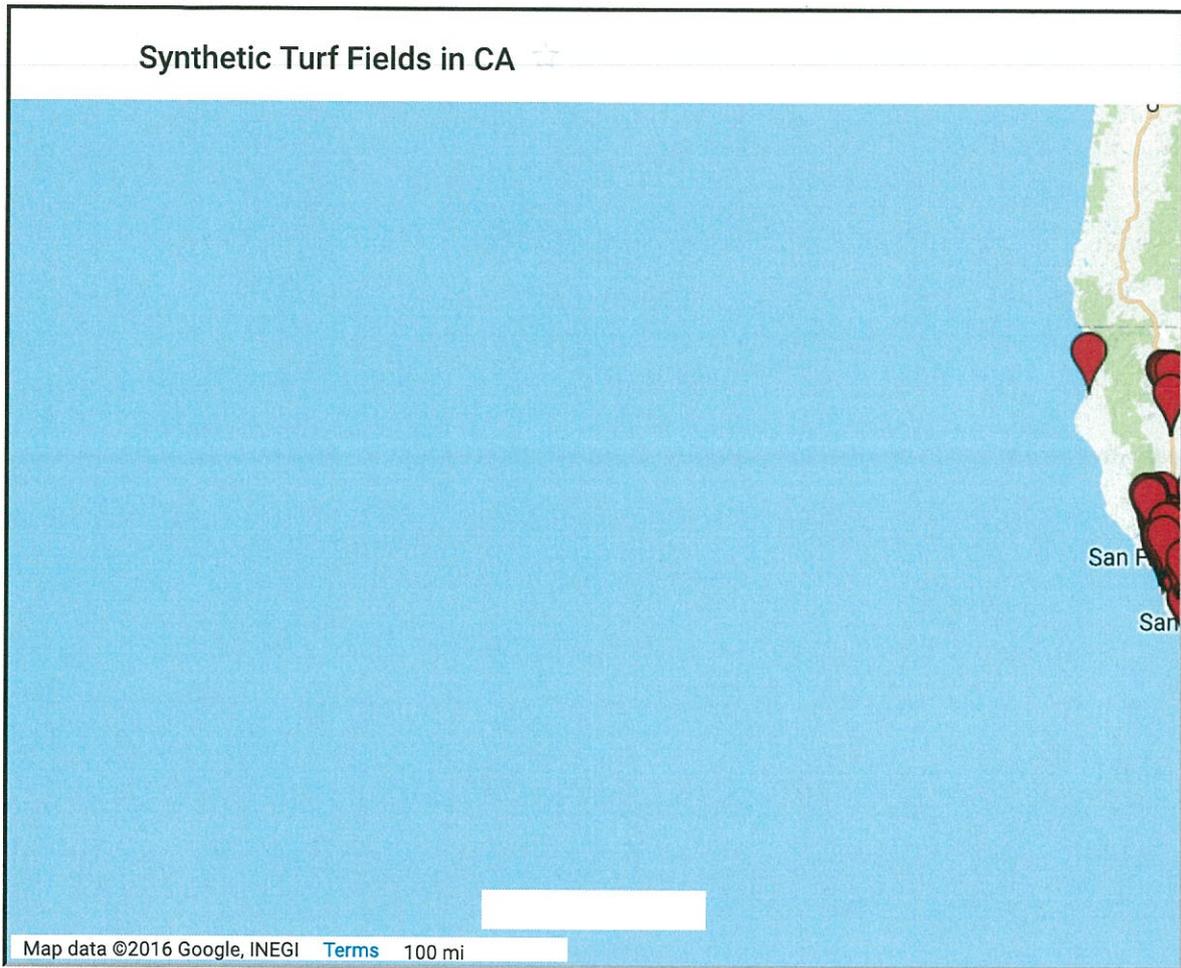
The same safety commission declared the fields safe in 2008, but that's since been walked back.

"Safe to play on' means something to parents that I don't think we intended to convey and I don't think we should have conveyed," Elliot Kaye, chairman of the commission, said at a U.S. House of Representatives committee hearing [last May](#) ^[5].

California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment launched its own three-year, \$3 million crumb rubber [safety study last June](#) ^[6].

State officials recently compiled a list of more than 900 artificial turf fields across California using information gathered from the major turf companies. Here's where they're located:

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Map by Tristan Loper

Amid public anxiety, the city of New York and Los Angeles Unified hit pause on using rubber in fields, but San Diego Unified is forging ahead with plans for 55 new artificial fields by 2019. Costs typically run from \$350,000 to over \$1 million, for a total cost of at least \$19 million.

There is currently no conclusive evidence the cancer seen among the soccer players resulted from their contact with crumb rubber, and district officials are confident the fields do not pose a threat.

"The observations of a University of Washington assistant soccer coach led to a public synthetic turf safety discussion where both scientific information and misinformation have been promulgated by means of the internet, media and social media," Linda Zintz, a spokeswoman for the district, said in a statement.

FieldTurf recently [lobbied against](#) ^[7] state legislation that would have halted crumb rubber field installations at California's schools and parks until new government safety studies could be completed. The bill died earlier this year.

State officials did crack down on another turf concern several years ago: lead.

In 2008, then-California Attorney General Jerry Brown sued three major players in the artificial turf market over excessive lead in the synthetic grass. A [2010 settlement](#) ^[8] reached with FieldTurf required the company to reduce lead levels and replace old fields with high lead content at a discount.

"FieldTurf stands firmly behind the safety of its fields," FieldTurf officials said in a statement. "We exclusively use polyethylene fibers, which are not made with any lead. Our fields overall contain only trace amounts of lead – at levels well below government standards for children's toys."

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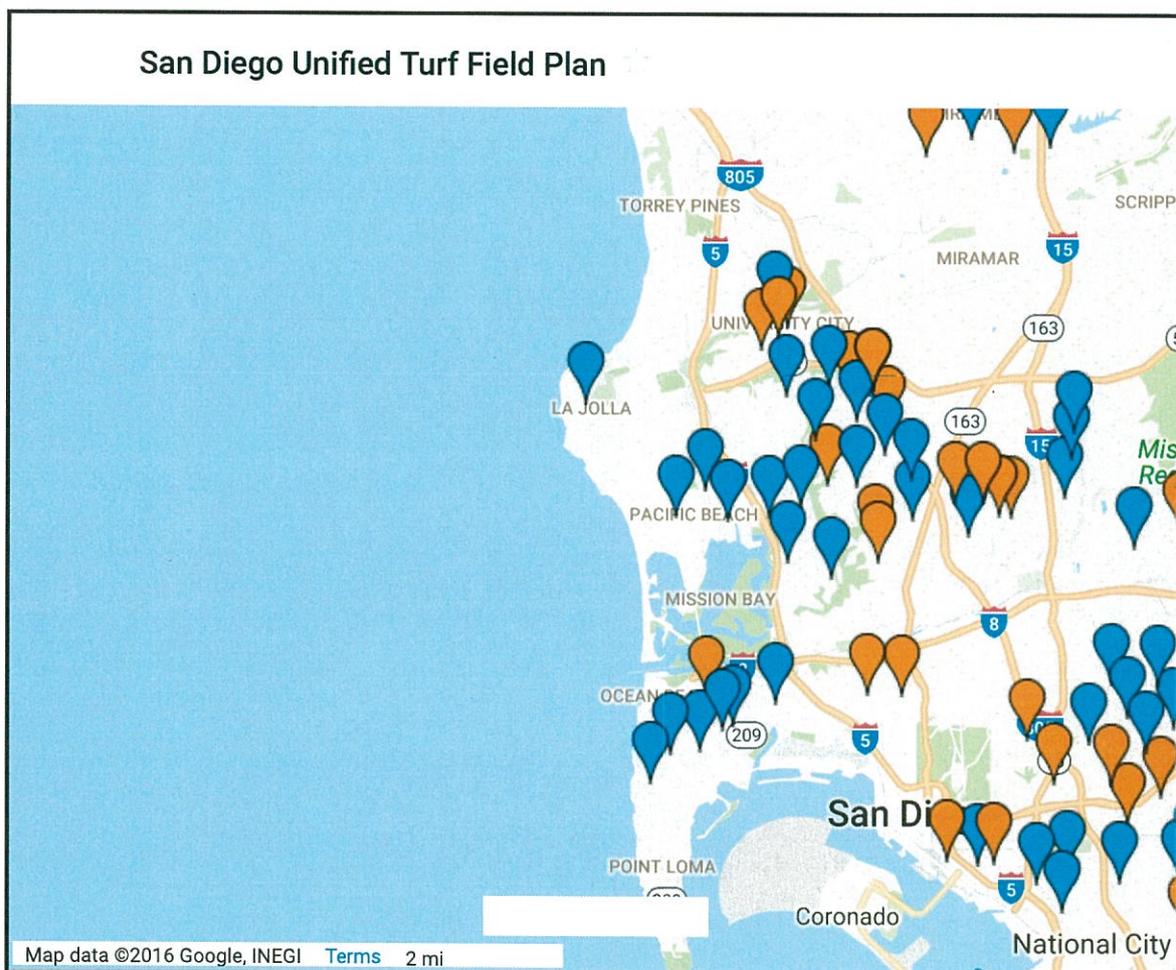
At least [five fields in San Diego County](#) ^[9] tested at levels 20 times above trace amounts allowed, according to the nonprofit Center for Environmental Health. Among them: La Jolla High, Torrey Pines High and [Grossmont High](#) ^[10].

'Go Rub Your Nose in it'

Lundeen, whose own children attend school at Silver Gate Elementary, thought to herself, "I'm so grateful my kids aren't exposed to any of that."

That relief didn't last long.

In March this year, her son came home from school with news Silver Gate was getting a new turf field. San Diego Unified officials confirmed it would have crumb rubber infill like the dozens of others already installed throughout the district — and [dozens more](#) ^[11] on the district's bond program project list.



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Lundeen pushed for a moratorium, and launched a "[Keep Turf Safe](#) ^[12]" Facebook group and two online petitions, one just for [Silver Gate](#) ^[13] and another [districtwide](#) ^[14]. She also made pleas to [school board](#) ^[15] members and the principal to postpone.

Silver Gate Principal Maria Fowler took the issue to the school's governance team. If a majority of the group wanted the new turf field, things would proceed.

After school on June 8, the group gathered in a classroom just a stone's throw away from the field, which currently consists of decomposed granite.

Scott Isaacson, a parent who attended but was not part of the governance team panel, said his

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daughter and her friends are excited about the new field. He said his first impression of Silver Gate was, "Great school, but what's with the dirt field?"

Physical education teacher Kelli Topliff expressed support for the change, saying the current surface is uneven and a hazard.

"The kids fall. They get cut up," Topliff said. "There are plenty of really bad chemicals in that already that we should probably be concerned about ... And it's just dirty."

A student's grandmother in attendance objected.

"I don't buy the argument it's the lesser of two evils," she said.

Parent Brian Camet also attended to voice his opposition.

"If you are for it and you haven't played on it, go play on it. Take a couple spills," he said. "Go rub your nose in it, and then I want you to go eat a sandwich without washing your hands and see how you feel."

Brian Hahne, a parent and gunnery sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps., also shared his concerns.

"Up at MCAS Miramar, they have this crumb rubber. I have worked out on it, and I've taken my Marines to work out on it. The heat is a huge factor. It can get to a point where you can get first degree burns," Hahne said. "If you are trying to do anything with exposed skin, such as pushups, sit-ups, anything like that in the full light of day, it will get to a heat where people are getting burned."

Fowler said she was comfortable with her own children playing on the field, and pointed out other potentially cancer-causing agents the public is already exposed to, like chlorine in pools and sewage in San Diego Bay.

"I'm not going to tell my kids not to go in there," Fowler said.

Lundeen rejects that logic.

"Remember there used to be smoking on airplanes," she said in an interview. "Chemicals are totally innocent until proven guilty, and why are we letting our kids be guinea pigs?"

Lundeen questions a [2010 UC Berkeley study](#) ^[16] funded by manufacturing industry advocates that's been held up by Fowler and district officials because it deemed crumb rubber infill a "generally safe application."

"You've gotta look at where your research is coming from ... Are we pushing a product here, or are we looking after the safety of our children?"

When a vote was called at Silver Gate, the panel voted 8-1 to proceed with an October crumb rubber field installation.

An Alternative Emerges in University City

Thirteen miles north in University City, another group of parents mobilized over the same issue last fall.

The outcome was much different.

Kendra Cole, a parent of two children at Curie Elementary School, gathered 140 petition signatures to halt the crumb rubber field scheduled for installation this summer.

Some parents said if the field went in, they'd prevent their kids from playing on it.

"This is like sand, but it's rubber. It's ground-up tires. Just like when you go to the beach, it gets in your hands, eyes," Cole said. "Some of these particles are so fine, you don't even know you are inhaling it."

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Cole, like Lundeen, said district officials offered up studies they said proved the material was safe. Both felt they were outdated, biased or too small in scope to be conclusive — rationales federal and state officials have also given for why a new round of studies is necessary.

District leaders stood by the turf when asked to respond to the parent concerns.

"District staff have reviewed a number of scientific studies conducted by reputable universities and research institutions. The district is not aware of a study that found a link between negative health effects and crumb rubber," said Zintz, the district spokeswoman.

As for concerns about fields getting too hot, district officials say they're opting for a rubber, sand and cork infill mixture this time around that is roughly 35 degrees cooler than traditional rubber infill. Fields will also be sprayed down with water occasionally to cool and clean them.

Cole wasn't satisfied and transmitted this message to the district: No crumb rubber. Only natural grass, an alternate infill or no change at all to their dirt field would be accepted by parents.

She looped in school board member John Lee Evans, who got the district's chief of facilities, Lee Dulgeroff, to a meeting.

District officials told Cole infill alternatives offered by the same company, FieldTurf, hadn't been adequately tested and were too expensive, as was the cost of maintaining natural grass. Instead, they offered to make the planned crumb rubber field larger. That's not what Cole and other parents had in mind.

Offers to fundraise to pay for an alternative infill were rebuffed.

Getting nowhere, Dulgeroff pivoted and brought up the possibility of making Curie's field a joint-use project with the city. The public and school would share the field. The district would pay less money to install a natural grass field, and the city would maintain it.

The idea worked.

Curie's field is now part of Mayor Kevin Faulconer's [Play All Day Parks Program](#) ^[17], a city and school district partnership that aims to create 30 new joint-use parks citywide in the next 10 years. A grass field for Curie is in the planning stages. Installation could be a couple years away.

"I was over the moon. ... That's the best of all worlds," said Cole. "I'm very proud of how this went. ... This is the safe alternative. This is what our kids need, because the crumb rubber is poison in my mind."

But Cole said she worries about other schools now. "They are not communicating they are installing this stuff."

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Children and Athletes at play on toxic turf and playgrounds

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Is your child playing on rubber instead of grass at the playground? The use of human-made surfaces on playgrounds has increased dramatically over the years. Developed during the 1960s primarily for athletic fields, these artificial surfaces were also part of a strategy to provide children with more opportunities for outdoor physical activity, particularly in the inner city where outdoor playgrounds were scarce.¹ The first artificial turf (marketed as “Chemgrass”) was made of plastic, yet looked a lot like natural grass.

As its use for various sports activities increased significantly over the years, so did the concerns. Athletes began to complain that the surface was much harder than natural grass, as some studies also began to show that the use of artificial turf could increase the risk for football and other sports-related injuries. This prompted a ban on the use of artificial turf by the English Football Association in 1988, while many ballparks and professional sports stadiums in the United States began converting back to using natural grass during the 1990s. Over time, material such as rubber was added to keep the blades of “grass” in place and provide more cushioning.¹ Artificial turf containing rubber and other cushioning materials is also believed to reduce sports-related

injuries, but study results have been mixed.² However, even with modern fields, many professional athletes dislike playing on artificial turf. It increases the severity of abrasions due to sliding, puts additional stress on joints, and heats up much more than grass does in the sun.³ Following their failure to force soccer's international governing body (FIFA) to use sod instead of artificial turf for the 2015 Women's World Cup, an international group of women players are suing the FIFA.⁴

Some of the benefits of artificial turf are that it's a long-lasting "all-weather" material that does not require a lot of maintenance or potentially dangerous pesticides. Artificial turf is currently used on more than 12,000 athletic fields in the U.S.⁵

From the tire swings to play surfaces made from tires

Do you remember when children used to play on tire swings in the backyard or at the park? Those same tires are now being put to a new and possibly hazardous use! Recycled rubber tires have become one of the top choice materials for surfacing children's playgrounds.⁶ In 2013, approximately 233 million scrap tires were generated, of which 8% (approximately 17.5 million tires) was processed for playground surface cover and 4% (almost 10 million tires) for sports surfaces.⁷ Logically, tire scraps seemed like a surface that would be less likely to harm children if they fell. Recycling tires for use in playgrounds also keeps them out of landfills where they take up space, harbor rodents and other animals, and trap standing water that serve as breeding grounds for mosquitos and other disease-bearing insects. In addition, tires that have been thrown away can catch fire and that releases many different harmful chemicals into the air and ground water.⁸

The tire material used on playgrounds can include the following:

- Loose tire shred (rubber mulch) or "crumb" on a surface that can be raked.
- Tire shreds that are combined with a binder and then poured onto a permanent surface
- Tiles made from tire shreds and binder that have been factory-molded, then glued to a playground surface.⁶

Are playground surfaces made with recycled tires safe?

There has been increasing evidence that raises concerns about the safety of recycled tire material used on playground surfaces. While tire rubber includes natural rubber from rubber trees, it also contains phthalates (chemicals that affect hormones, see Phthalates and Children's Products), polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and other chemicals known or suspected to cause adverse health effects.⁹ PAHs, for example, are natural or human-made chemicals that are made when oil, gas, coal or garbage is burned.¹⁰ According to the EPA, breathing air contaminated with PAHs may increase a person's chance of developing cancer, and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) states that PAHs may increase the risk for cancer and also increase the chances of birth defects.^{10, 11}

What the scientific studies say

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The California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) conducted three laboratory studies in 2007 to investigate the potential health risks to children from playground surfaces made from recycled tires. One study evaluated the level of chemicals released that could cause harm to children after they have had contact with loose tire shreds, either by eating them or by touching them and then touching their mouth. The other two studies looked at the risk of injury from falls on playground surfaces made from recycled tires compared to wood chips, and whether recycled tire shreds could contaminate air or water.⁶

It would not be ethical to ask children to eat tire shreds, so the researchers created chemical solution that mimicked the conditions of a child's stomach and placed 10 grams of tire shreds in it for 21 hours at a temperature of 37°C. Researchers then measured the level of released chemicals in the solution and compared them to levels EPA considered risky. The study also mimicked a child touching the tire shreds and then touching her mouth by wiping recycled tire playground surfaces and measuring chemical levels on the wipes. To evaluate skin contact alone, the researchers tested guinea pigs to see if rubber tire playground samples caused any health problems. This study assumed that children would be using the playground from the ages of 1 through 12. Results of the OEHHA studies showed that a single incident of eating or touching tire shreds would probably not harm a child's health, but repeated or long-term exposure might. Five chemicals, including four PAHs, were found on wipe samples. One of the PAHs, "chrysene," was higher than the risk level established by the OEHHA, and therefore, could possibly increase the chances of a child developing cancer.⁶

Out of the 32 playgrounds surfaced in recycled tires that the researchers in California looked at, only 10 met that state's 2007 standard for "head impact safety" to reduce brain injury and other serious harm in children who fall while playing. In contrast, all five surfaces made of wood chips met the safety standard.⁶

A 2012 study analyzing rubber mulch taken from children's playgrounds in Spain found harmful chemicals in all, often at high levels.⁹ Twenty-one samples were collected from 9 playgrounds in urban locations. The results showed that all samples contained at least one hazardous chemical, and most contained high concentrations of several PAHs. Several of the identified PAHs can be released into the air by heat, and when that happens children are likely to inhale them. While the heat needed to do this was very high in some cases (140 degrees Fahrenheit/ 60 °C), many of the chemicals also became airborne at a much lower temperature of 77 °F (25 °C). The authors concluded that the use of rubber recycled tires on playgrounds "should be restricted or even prohibited in some cases."⁹

A 2015 report analyzed the chemicals found in 5 samples of tire crumbs from 5 different companies that install school athletic fields, and 9 different samples taken from 9 different unopened bags of playground tire mulch. The researchers found 96 chemicals in the samples. A little under a half have never been studied for their health effects, therefore it is not known whether they are harmful. The other chemicals have been tested for health effects, but those tests were not thorough. Based on the studies that were done, 20% of the chemicals that had been tested probably can cause cancer, and a large proportion were irritants – substances cause a body's reaction. 24% are respiratory irritants that can cause asthma symptoms; 37% can irritate skin; and 27% can irritate eyes.¹²

What the EPA has done

The EPA created a working group that collected and analyzed data from playgrounds and artificial turf fields that used recycled tire material. Samples were collected at six turf fields and two playgrounds in four study sites (Maryland, North Carolina, Georgia and Ohio). In a report released in 2009, the agency concluded that the level of chemicals monitored in the study and detected in the samples were “below levels of concern.” There were limitations to this study, however. The study did not measure the concentration of organic chemicals that are known to vaporize during summer heat (called SVOCs). SVOCs include PAH.

Due to the small number of samples and sampling sites used, the EPA stated that it is not possible to know if these findings are typical of other playgrounds or fields until additional studies are conducted.¹³ When announcing the results of the study, EPA joined other organizations in recommending that as a precaution, young children wash their hands frequently after playing outside.¹³

A meeting was then convened by the EPA in 2010, bringing together various state and federal agencies to discuss safe levels of chemical exposure on playgrounds made from recycled tire rubber, and opportunities for additional research.¹³ In the case of PAHs, the EPA has concluded that while there are currently no human studies available to determine their effects at various levels, based on laboratory findings, “breathing PAHs and skin contact seem to be associated with cancer in humans.”¹⁰

In February 2016, the U.S. government announced a new action plan to better understand the likely health risks of recycled tire crumb. This initiative involves 4 U.S. government agencies: the EPA, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) and Consumer Product and Safety Commission (CPSC). By late 2016, they will release a draft report, even if studies are not yet completed¹⁴

How to protect your children

So how can you protect your child at the playground? Remember that children are much more likely to be harmed by exposure to chemicals in their environment than adults because they are smaller (so the exposure is greater) and because their bodies are still developing. This is why it's important to significantly reduce (or try to eliminate) any contact your child may have with substances that are known or suspected to be harmful. If you have more than one playground in your area, choose the one that doesn't have a recycled rubber play surface.

Parents can actively persuade local officials that playgrounds should use wood chips rather than recycled rubber or other substances that are less safe when children fall, and more dangerous in terms of chemicals that they breathe or get on their hands.

The CDC, Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and EPA all recommend that you teach your child the importance of frequent hand washing, especially after playing outside and before eating.¹⁵ Also, if you notice any loose tire shreds or other debris on your child after being at the playground, remove his/her shoes and clothing before entering the home.¹⁶

To learn more about artificial turf and concerns about cancer risks for kids and young adults, watch this ESPN news video [here](#).

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Are synthetic playing surfaces hazardous to athletes' health? The debate over 'crumb rubber' and cancer

The recently installed artificial turf at UCLA's intramural field will save the Westwood campus 6.5 million gallons of water annually.

(Mark Boster / Los Angeles Times)



David Wharton Contact Reporter

When doctors found Stage 2 Hodgkin's lymphoma in her lungs, Emily Prince had questions.

The college biology major wanted to know why cancer would strike someone so young and healthy. She found little help in existing research, which has yet to clearly identify a cause for the disease.

"I was obviously looking for any type of answer," she said.

It was her golf coach at Vassar College in New York who mentioned the debate over synthetic turf and, in particular, the crumb rubber often used as infill on artificial fields.

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Prince recalled playing soccer as a girl and coming home with tiny black granules stuck to her skin and caught in her hair.

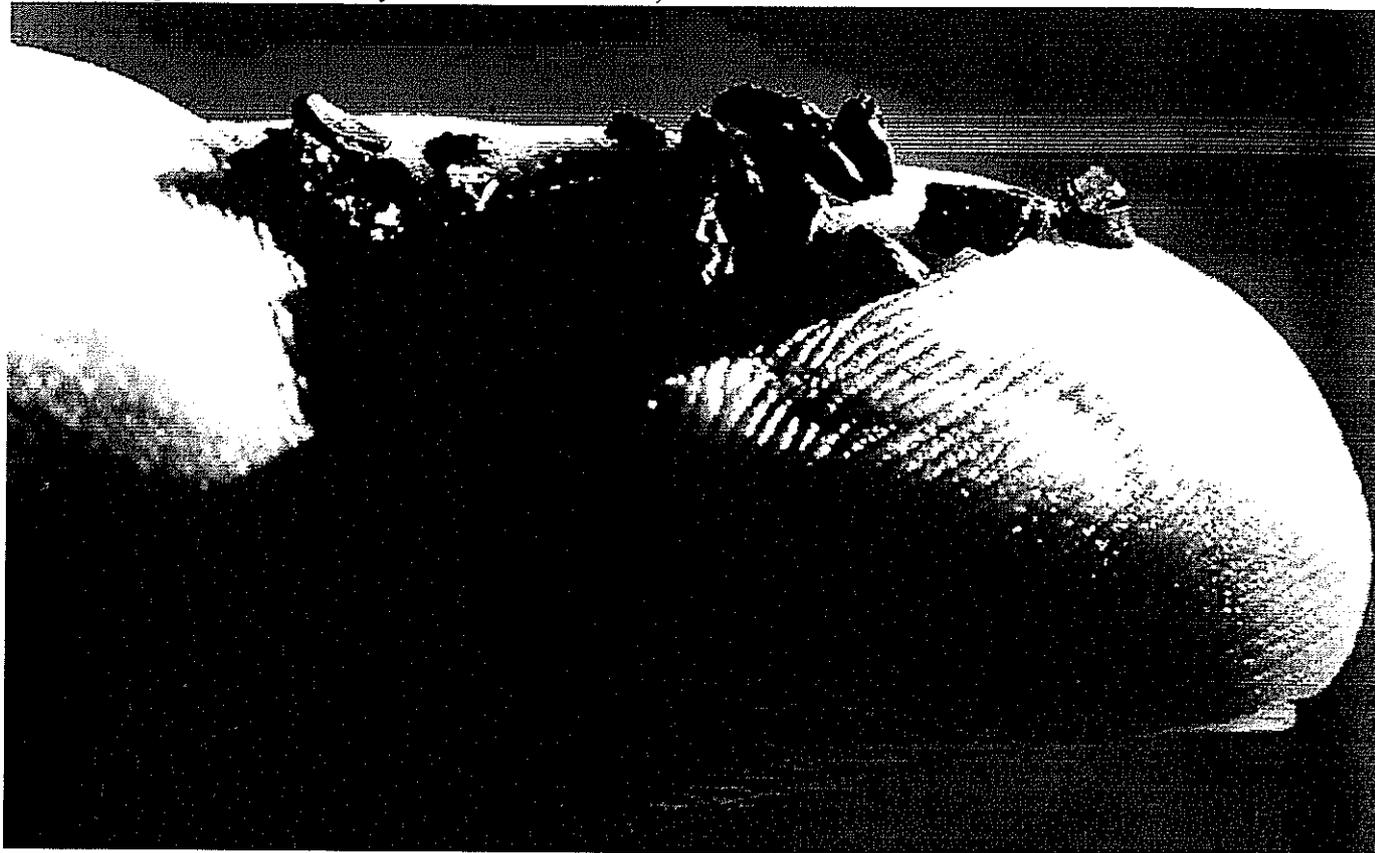
"When I heard about this," she said, "it made sense to me."

More than 11,000 playgrounds and athletic fields across the country employ pulverized tires — sprinkled between the blades of artificial grass — to create a surface that feels soft and natural. There are dozens of such fields at Los Angeles schools, parks and colleges.

Synthetic turf manufacturers say more than 60 studies over the past two decades have shown no elevated health risks associated with their products, but not everyone is convinced.

Environmental health advocates worry about a complex brew of chemicals, metals and suspected carcinogens that may be found in crumb rubber. They characterize past research as incomplete.

It's absolutely fair to ask questions. As long as people produce substantive, scientific answers. —
Al Garver, president of the Synthetic Turf Council, a national trade association



A few of the rubber granules used as infill on the UCLA intramural field are shown across a fingertip.

(Mark Boster / Los Angeles Times)

With legislators asking for more information, the federal government recently announced a multi-agency study and plans to issue a draft report by year's end.

Athletes, parents, school administrators and parks officials remain caught in the middle, wondering about artificial fields that can be so beneficial because they use less water and are more durable than grass.

"I know that when these things pop up without scientific evidence, it's hard to believe at first," Prince said. "This is an issue that needs to be addressed."

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Synthetic fields have been popular since the mid-1960s and the debut of "AstroTurf" at the Houston Astrodome.

In those days, artificial turf wasn't much more than carpet laid over concrete. Manufacturers introduced a gentler surface using crumb rubber in the 1990s.

Athletes took fewer hard falls and, as a side benefit, millions of tires were diverted from landfills.

"This is bio-friendly," said Al Garver, president of the Synthetic Turf Council, a national trade association. "You don't need any pesticides or herbicides."

But the list of potentially harmful elements that have been found in tires includes benzene, mercury and arsenic, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. Ingredients vary by manufacturer and the recycling process blends different brands into the same batch, so it is difficult to predict what will end up on a specific field.

Some older types of synthetic turf have been found to contain relatively high levels of lead. In 2009, the California Attorney General's office sued three manufacturers for violating state law by failing to provide "clear and reasonable warnings" about lead content in turf fibers and crumb rubber.

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The following year, the companies agreed to pay more than \$650,000 in fines and reduce the lead in their products.

At the federal level, the EPA and U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission have examined crumb rubber and found no elevated health risks. But in a statement this month, the EPA acknowledged "existing studies do not comprehensively evaluate" all concerns.

U.S. Senators Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.) and Bill Nelson (D-Fla.) have pointed to a recent analysis by a Yale University professor that found 96 chemicals, including probable carcinogens, in tire rubber.

The new "Federal Research Action Plan," which pairs the EPA with the CPSC and the Centers for Disease Control, will examine how players on synthetic fields might be exposed through skin contact, inhalation and accidental ingestion.

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It was seven years ago that Amy Griffin, an associate soccer coach at the University of Washington, heard about two players she knew who were battling cancer. Both were goalkeepers.

"I really didn't think anything of it at first," Griffin recalled. "Then I kept bumping into other goalkeepers who had lymphoma."

The position involves frequent diving, which makes goalies more likely to get crumb rubber on their skin and in their mouths. They are also susceptible to inhaling vapors or gases emitted from volatile organic compounds in crumb rubber.

Griffin began an informal list of athletes who had cancer, about 90% of them soccer players, with lacrosse goalies and football players included. As the total grew toward 200, she spoke out in the media.

Though some people dismissed her unscientific tally, word spread and she heard from more afflicted players across the country.



Arshaad Rahh, who competes for Cal State University Northridge in track and field, warms up on the artificial turf field at Rancho Cienega Recreation Center in Los Angeles.

(Jay L. Clendenin / Los Angeles Times)

"I know it's 100% anecdotal," she said. "But if you were in my shoes, listening to these stories, you would say this is too coincidental."

Washington state health officials recently asked for her data so it can be compared to the official cancer registry and, perhaps, used to find correlations or patterns. Griffin welcomes a methodical approach, though officials caution the study might not be conclusive.

"An increased rate of a specific cancer among soccer players wouldn't show us what caused the increase, only if one exists," the Washington health department said in a statement. "Historically, even when increased rates for certain cancers have been identified, a common cause or environmental contaminant has rarely been shown."

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If you had to pick two people at polar ends of this issue, they would probably be Garver and Nancy Alderman.

Garver's trade association represents more than 200 turf manufacturers, architects and builders. Alderman heads a nonprofit health advocacy group in Connecticut. Both have become major voices in the crumb rubber debate.

"It's absolutely fair to ask questions," Garver said. "As long as people produce substantive, scientific answers."

The Synthetic Turf Council believes potentially harmful chemicals in old tires are rendered inert through processes that extract steel and fiber, then break the remaining rubber into bits. The council says no link to cancer has been found by researchers at the Connecticut Department of Public Health, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and numerous universities. It also cites studies conducted in France and Norway.

"All the information is there if you look at it rationally, logically, reasonably," Garver said.

Alderman views the current literature in a different way.

The Yale-educated woman and her small organization — Environment and Human Health, Inc. — began focusing on crumb rubber a decade ago when parents complained about synthetic fields in two Connecticut communities.

"We had only a small amount of money," she recalled. "We took a few samples and took them to a laboratory and found some bad chemicals."

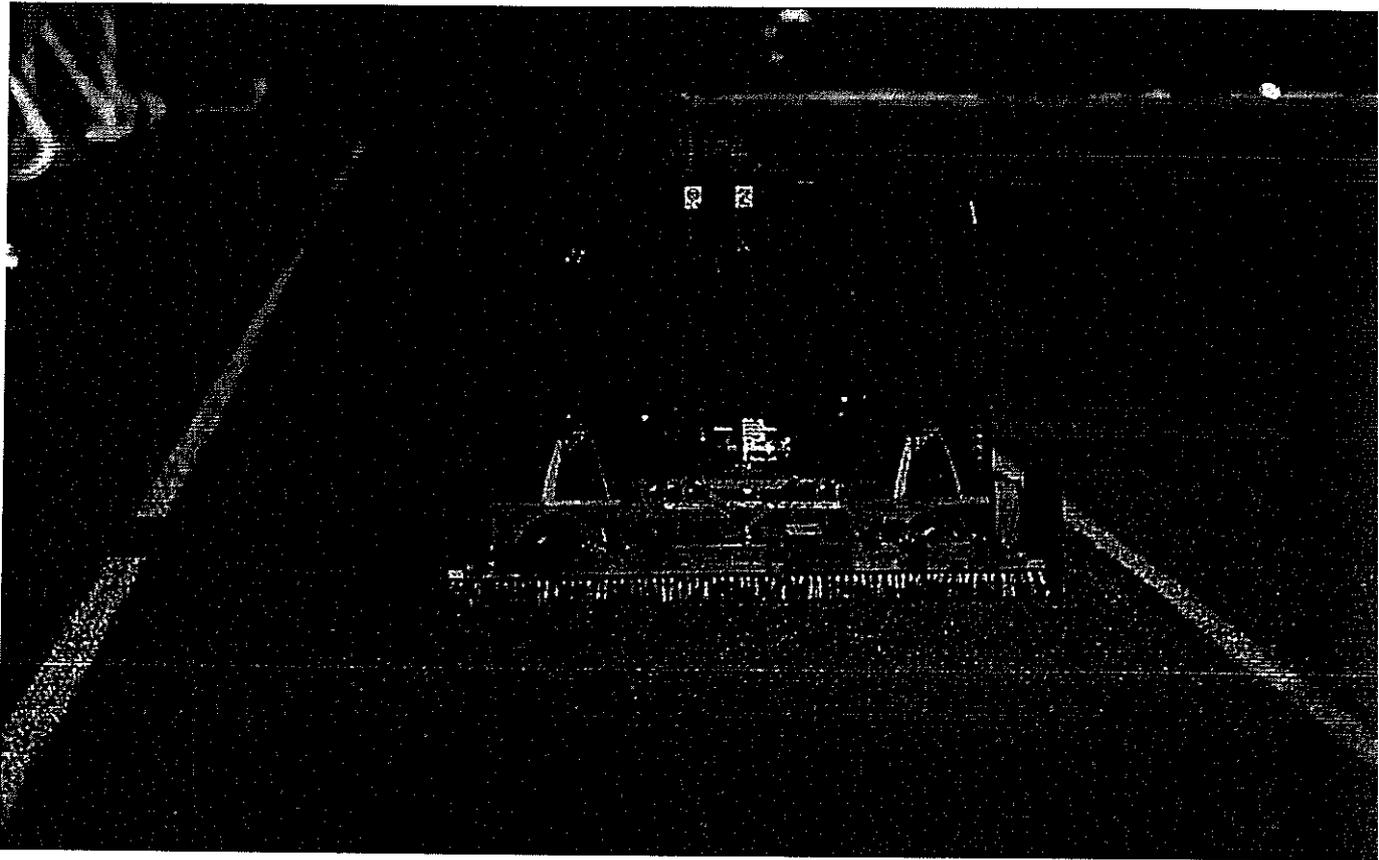
In addition to questioning the scope of past studies, Alderman considers some unreliable because they were funded by the industry. She mentions an oft-cited report produced by CalRecycle, a state agency that promotes recycling.

"It is not a great system and it has not worked," she said.

Some agencies share her doubts. In 2008, the New York City parks department stopped using crumb rubber in new fields. The Los Angeles Unified School District followed suit the next year, switching to non-recycled infills.

We had to stop and have a thorough discussion. — Rich Mylin, the director of UCLA recreation venues

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Kyle Urban, competitive sports coordinator for UCLA's recreation program, grooms the artificial turf at the campus' intramural field.

(Mark Boster / Los Angeles Times)

Athletic fields are only part of the concern — Alderman and others worry about crumb rubber in playgrounds for small children.

LAUSD removed crumb rubber from early education centers but left pre-existing fields for older students intact, noting the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health had placed no warnings or restrictions on crumb rubber.

Alderman sees momentum growing toward what she hopes will be a moratorium on all types of infill, including non-recycled alternatives such as coconut husk and cork.

"Now there are lawyers hovering around this," she said. "Eventually there will be class-action suits."

Such talk clearly frustrates Garver. The industry representative said his members are confident future tests will confirm their products are safe, though he isn't sure that will do any good.

"It's never enough," he said. "There's no way to satisfy the alarmists."

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The 11-acre recreation field at UCLA, just behind Pauley Pavilion, had become a problem. It required too much water and needed to be shut down for four months each year to let the grass recover from constant use.

When university administrators explored synthetic turf as an alternative, they became aware of the crumb-rubber controversy.

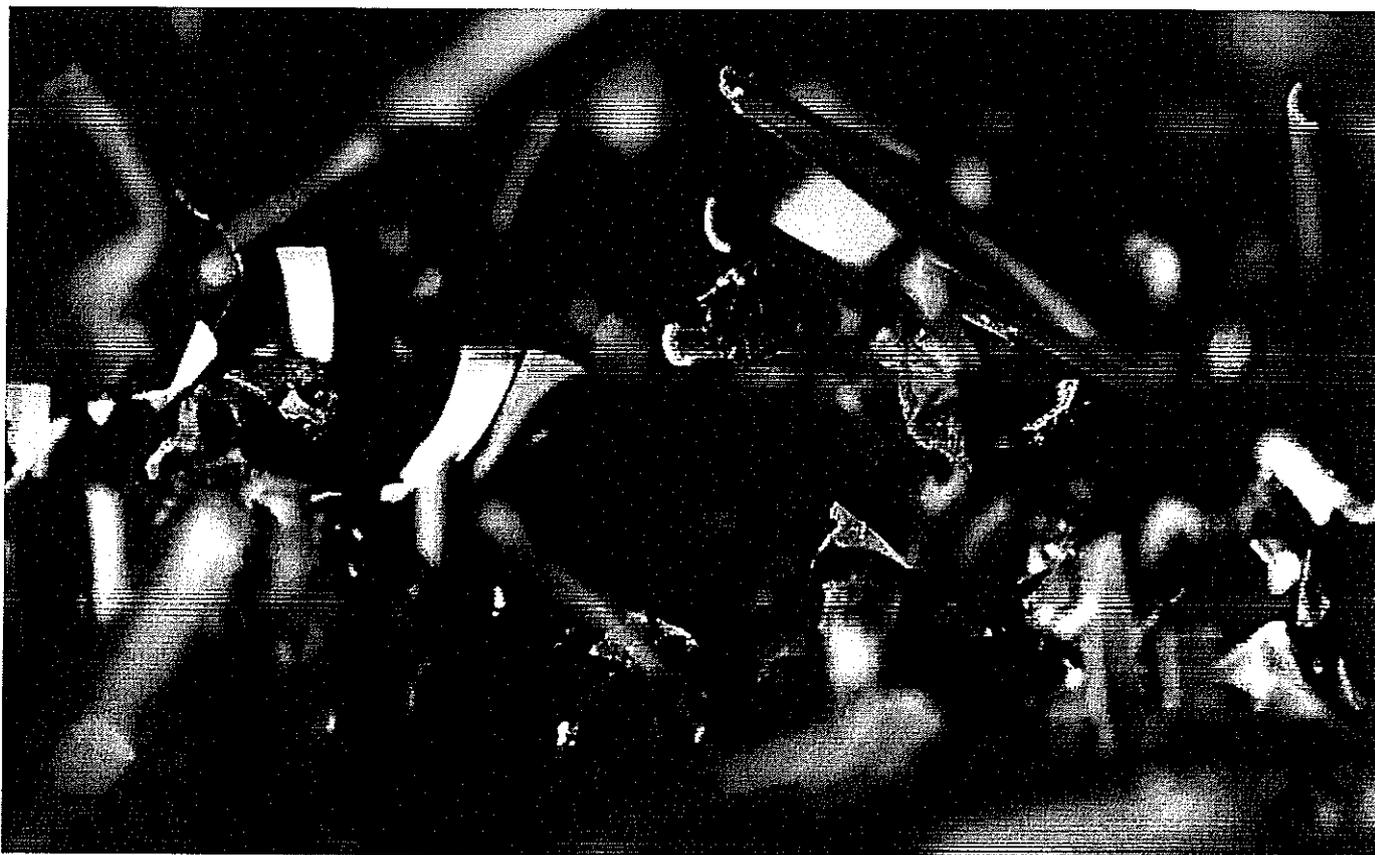
"We had to stop and have a thorough discussion," said Rich Mylin, the director of recreation venues.

Non-recycled infill was not considered a viable option; they represent only a small percentage of fields in the U.S. because they can be costly to maintain and might be more likely to harbor bacteria from sweat and blood.

Choosing to proceed with crumb rubber, administrators say they worried about reports of lead levels in some foreign-made tires.

"We made sure our crumb rubber was sourced through the U.S.," Mylin said, adding: "We felt comfortable."

I don't see this cabal of rubber manufacturers sitting around with sacks of money wondering how they can kill people. — Paul Bahou, former college soccer player and cancer patient



A close-up view of synthetic turf and crumb rubber.

(Mark Boster / Los Angeles Times)

The new field, which opened last spring, will save an estimated six million gallons of water annually — even with regular washings — and never need a rest.

Still, Mylin suspects not everyone will be pleased. "To me, it falls into that environmental sphere, like climate change," he said. "People can be very passionate about that."

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Like a growing number of athletes stricken by cancer in their youth, Paul Bahou had suspicions about crumb rubber.

When the Temecula man was diagnosed with Stage 4 Hodgkin's lymphoma after college, he thought back to his childhood days playing soccer.

"I was a goalie," he said. "And I remember playing on lots of synthetic fields."

But something kept Bahou from rushing to a conclusion: His family owns a company that transforms used plastic bottles into food packaging. He knows the recycling business.

"People think the evil oligarchs are poisoning our children for profit," he said. "I don't see this cabal of rubber manufacturers sitting around with sacks of money wondering how they can kill people."

Bahou does not believe an immediate moratorium on crumb-rubber infill is warranted, but he would like to see more research.

In addition to the federal effort, California officials are conducting their third study of crumb rubber, with the state Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment seeking to close "data gaps" — things not yet known about the subject.

The state will look at inhalation, skin contact and the effect weather has on deterioration of the material. With a final report expected in mid-2018, there will be no quick answers.

Bahou, who is 33 and has been cancer-free for years, does not mind waiting.

"We have to be realistic," he said. "And patient."

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Feds Finally Take Action on Crumb Rubber Turf

by STEPHANIE GOSK, KEVIN MONAHAN and TRACY CONNOR

Three federal agencies are teaming up to investigate the safety of crumb rubber artificial turf used in playing fields and playground all across the country — the subject of a series of NBC News reports.

The Environmental Protection Agency, the Centers for Disease Control and the Consumer Product Safety Commission announced an "action plan" on Friday to answer questions raised about synthetic turf made from recycled tires and possible risks for young athletes.

"Some of the government's best and brightest scientists are working to identify what is in recycled tire crumb, identify ways in which people may be exposed to it, and determine if it is harmful," CPSC Chairman Elliot Kaye said.

The agencies' announcement said that while "limited studies" to date have not shown a danger, that research does not "comprehensively evaluate the concerns about health risks from exposure to tire crumb."

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The announcement came three weeks after Sens. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., and Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., asked President Barack Obama to spearhead a comprehensive study of the playing surface.

"Parents and athletes of all ages want and deserve conclusive answers on whether exposure to crumb rubber turf can make one sick," Nelson said. "Combining the resources and expertise of three federal agencies to help find those answers is the right thing to do."

While critics and supporters of crumb rubber turf don't agree on whether the surface poses a health risk — the industry says studies have shown no link with illness, while some parents and activists demand more testing — all sides want federal regulators to take a clear public position.

The announcement was welcome news to Jon and Laura Damm, environmental lawyers and parents who live in Fairfax County, Virginia, and have been pushing for local authorities to stop -41-

using crumb rubber in athletic fields.

"I think it's fantastic... This really provides us with a lot of hope," said Jon Damm, who also plays and coaches lacrosse.

He said that cities across the country should take note of the feds' assessment that existing studies are not comprehensive enough.

"Hopefully they'll take a pause and use one of the alternatives and see how this plays out," he said.

The Synthetic Turf Council, an industry group, also said it supports the federal effort.

"We have consistently said that we support all additional research," the council said in a statement. "At the same time, we strongly reaffirm that the existing studies clearly show that artificial turf fields and playgrounds with crumb rubber infill are safe and have no link to any health issues.

"We hope the federal government's involvement, which we have been encouraging for years, will settle this matter once and for all, put parents' minds at ease, and validate past and recent due diligence by public officials," it added.



Crumb rubber pellets recovered from an artificial turf field, left, and Nike Grind rubber bits, nestled among fake blades of

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grass, at right. Hannah Rappleve (L) / NBC News

The multiagency action plan calls for scientists to test different types of crumb rubber to determine what chemical compounds they contain and whether they are released when a person comes into contact with them.

"Once we better understand what chemicals are in tire crumb, we will also be able to search existing databases of information to understand the potential health effects of those chemicals," the agencies said.

The feds plan to reach out to athletes, parents and industry representatives and draft a report by the end of the year.

In 2008, the CPSC declared that crumb rubber artificial turf was safe to play on, after the agency performed limited tests for lead on artificial turf's nylon 'grass' blades.

That declaration, Chairman Kaye told NBC News in a recent interview prior to Friday's announcement, was "overstated."

"When it came up to the political level there was an effort to say something that, in my mind, overstated the results," Chairman Kaye said. "It provided a level of assurance that I don't think the study warranted."

"As a parent, you're looking for that," Chairman Kaye added. "You just want to know it's OK...I don't really care about limited studies, or qualifications. Just tell me: is it safe, or not?"

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Despite multimillion dollar efforts on the state and federal level to study crumb rubber, the difficulty of evaluating risks posed by chemicals and carcinogens means that parents may never know for sure whether turf, or rubber playground mulch, are safe for young children, Chairman Kaye said. Genetics, other environmental exposures, diet and other factors all play a role in determining health risks.

"There's no clear cut line like, if you do this you will get cancer, and if you don't do this you won't get cancer," Chairman Kaye said. "The best that I think the science can do is try to focus on creating some parameters that are defensible, and coming up with risk scenarios."

"All that is gobbledygook when it comes to parents who just want you to tell them what the answer is," he added. "I think the responsibility that somebody in my position faces on the front

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end, is to try to make sure the process has as much as integrity as possible, and the scientists are getting as much as they need."

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COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

Agenda Item No. 5:
Date: 10.27.16

TO: Chair Simonson and Members of the Community Services Commission
FROM: Loretta McKinney, Director of Library and Community Services
SUBJECT: Community Services Department Logo and Brand

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.

BACKGROUND:

As the Commission may recall, the Community Services Department (CSD) staff started working on creating Mission, Vision, and Values statements in the summer of 2015. It was a process that involved all staff input, which is why it took so long to finalize the statements. The Community Services Commission was included in the final decision of each statement and the selection of the final statements was unanimous from both staff and Commissioners.

All staff then provided input on design concepts for the logo. The CSD Supervisors selected a group of design concepts from those submitted. The concepts were provided to Library Graphic Artist Nick Ivins who then developed the selected logo and brand colors. The logo and colors will be used in all CSD graphics as portrayed in the attached PowerPoint as well as in the CSD facilities. The goal is to make the connection for the community, who uses the facilities and reads the Recreation Guide and other marketing materials, that the EVCC, the PACC, and the Sports Center are operated by the Community Services Department and the City.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Loretta McKinney
Director of Library and Community Services



**COMMUNITY SERVICES
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**Agenda Item No. 6:
Date: 10.27.2016**

TO: Chair Simonson and Members of the Community Services Commission
FROM: Loretta McKinney, Director of Library & Community Services
Danielle Lopez, Assistant Director of Community Services
SUBJECT: Recreation Programs Fee Update

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.

BACKGROUND:

City Council has directed staff to operate recreation programs on a cost recovery basis. Significant progress has been made in this regard, however increased revenue is required to further achieve the self-sustaining goal.

Each year City staff review the current inventory of City fees and identify fee increases needed to achieve full cost recovery. In some cases, new fees are added or deleted from the fee schedule. This occurs to better relate fees to current business practices. It is impossible to have a fee schedule that perfectly collects exactly and precisely the full cost of providing services at any point in time. Both costs and the demand for services change over time. However, in the aggregate, over a period of time, it is possible to establish fee levels designed to recover all eligible costs.

Staff has analyzed the various programs and recommends adjustments to the fees as shown on Attachment "A" of this report. Attachment "A" provides a comparison between existing and proposed fees, new fees and deleted fees. Proposed changes to the Inventory of City Fees will go before the City Council for review and approval on October 26, 2016. If the proposed fee changes are approved by the City Council, they will go into effect on November 1, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta McKinney
Director of Library & Community Services

Danielle Lopez
Assistant Director of Community Services

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List of Proposed Fee Inventory Changes

Department	Fee Description	Description Change	Current Fee / Unit Basis	Proposed Fee
COMMUNITY SERVICES				
Comm. Srv.	Processing Fee - ActiveNet		5.5% per transaction	5.89% per transaction
Comm. Srv.	Facility Use Payment Late Fee		NEW FEE	\$10
Comm. Srv.	Tiny Tot Parent Non-Participation Option		NEW FEE	\$20 / instance
Comm. Srv.	Tiny Tot Late Payment Fee		NEW FEE	\$25
Comm. Srv.	Late Pick-up Fee (ASP, Tiny Tots, Camp)		NEW FEE	\$1 / Minute
Comm. Srv.	Pool Reservation Cancellation Fee		NEW FEE	\$20
Comm. Srv.	Recreation Camps Daily Rate		NEW FEE	\$40 - \$50
Comm. Srv.	Recreation Camps Counselor in Training (CIT)		NEW FEE	\$70 - \$100
Community Services Advertising Fees				
Comm. Srv.	Outside Back Cover Full Page		NEW FEE	1x-\$2,000 / 2x-\$1,800 / 3x-\$1,584
Comm. Srv.	Inside Front Cover Full Page		NEW FEE	1x-\$1,850 / 2x-\$1,665 / 3x-\$1,465
Comm. Srv.	Inside Back Cover Full Page		NEW FEE	1x-\$1,850 / 2x-\$1,665 / 3x-\$1,465
Comm. Srv.	Inside Front Cover 1/2 Page		NEW FEE	1x-\$1,125 / 2x-\$1,013 / 3x-\$891
Comm. Srv.	Inside Back Cover 1/2 Page		NEW FEE	1x-\$1,125 / 2x-\$1,013 / 3x-\$891
Comm. Srv.	Interior Full Page		NEW FEE	1x-\$1,500 / 2x-\$1,350 / 3x-\$1,188
Comm. Srv.	Interior 1/2 Page		NEW FEE	1x-\$875 / 2x-\$788 / 3x-\$693
Comm. Srv.	Interior 1/4 Page		NEW FEE	1x-\$525 / 2x-\$473 / 3x-\$416
Comm. Srv.	Interior 1/8 Page		NEW FEE	1x-\$400 / 2x-\$360 / 3x-\$317
Recreation Program Fees - Escondido Sports Center				
Comm. Srv.	Youth Soccer League		\$65 / player / season	\$75-\$100 / player / season
Comm. Srv.	Adult Hockey League		\$749 / team / season	\$950-\$1,100 / team / season
Community Centers				
Comm. Srv.	Mathes Ctr. Reservation / Cleaning / Damage Deposit		NEW FEE	Minimum \$250
Comm. Srv.	Mathes Ctr. Staffing fee		NEW FEE	\$25 / hour
Comm. Srv.	Mathes Ctr. Holiday staffing fee		NEW FEE	\$30 / hour
Comm. Srv.	Washington Rec. Bldg. Reservation / Cleaning / Damage Deposit		NEW FEE	Minimum \$250
Comm. Srv.	Washington Rec. Bldg. Staffing fee		NEW FEE	\$25 / hour
Comm. Srv.	Washington Rec. Bldg. Holiday staffing fee		NEW FEE	\$30 / hour
Comm. Srv.	EVCC Vineyard Room - Class B		\$27 / hour 2 hr. min	\$30 / hour 2 hr. min
Comm. Srv.	EVCC Gymnasium Drop-in Fee		\$2 per visit	\$3 per visit
Comm. Srv.	EVCC Gymnasium Punch Card		\$30 / per 20 visits	\$30 / per 20 visits
Comm. Srv.	EVCC Portable TV & VCR / DVD player rental - Class B		\$5 / per item	Remove from Fee Inventory
Comm. Srv.	EVCC Portable TV & VCR / DVD player rental - Class C & D		\$10 / per item	Remove from Fee Inventory
Comm. Srv.	EVCC Portable TV & VCR / DVD player rental - Class E		\$20 / per item	Remove from Fee Inventory

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Comm. Srv.	EVCC Portable TV & VCR / DVD player rental - Class B,C,D & E		NEW FEE	\$25 / per item
Comm. Srv.	EVCC Portable P.A. System rental - Class B		\$5 / per item	Remove from Fee Inventory
Comm. Srv.	EVCC Portable P.A. System rental - Class C & D		\$10 / per item	Remove from Fee Inventory
Comm. Srv.	EVCC Portable P.A. System rental - Class E		\$20 / per item	Remove from Fee Inventory
Comm. Srv.	EVCC Portable P.A. System rental - Class B,C,D & E		NEW FEE	\$25 / per item
Comm. Srv.	EVCC Portable Digital Projector rental - Class B		\$10 / per item	Remove from Fee Inventory
Comm. Srv.	EVCC Portable Digital Projector rental - Class C & D		\$20 / per item	Remove from Fee Inventory
Comm. Srv.	EVCC Portable Digital Projector rental - Class B,C & D		NEW FEE	\$25 / per item
Comm. Srv.	Tournament Maintenance Staffing Fee		\$30 / hr	\$40-\$70 / hr
Softball & Baseball Tournaments				
Park Avenue Community Center				
Comm. Srv.	Park Avenue Community Center-Auditorium / Class D		\$75 / hr 2 hr min	\$100 / hr 2 hr min
Comm. Srv.	Park Avenue Community Center-Auditorium / Class E		\$100 / hr 2 hr. min	\$125 / hr 2 hr. min
Comm. Srv.	Park Avenue Community Center-Library / Class B		NEW FEE	\$5 / hour 2 hr. min
Comm. Srv.	Park Avenue Community Center-Library / Class C		NEW FEE	\$10 / hour 2 hr. min
Comm. Srv.	Park Avenue Community Center-Library / Class D		NEW FEE	\$20 / hour 2 hr. min
Comm. Srv.	Park Avenue Community Center-Library / Class E		NEW FEE	\$35 / hour 2 hr. min
Comm. Srv.	Park Avenue Community Center-Television & VCR / Class B		\$5 / hour	\$5 Per Item
Comm. Srv.	Park Avenue Community Center-Television & VCR / Class C		\$10 / hour	\$10 Per Item
Comm. Srv.	Park Avenue Community Center-Television & VCR / Class D		\$10 / hour	\$25 Per Item
Comm. Srv.	Park Avenue Community Center-Television & VCR / Class E		\$20 / hour	\$25 Per Item
Comm. Srv.	Park Avenue Community Center-Digital Projector / Class B		\$10 / hour	\$10 Per Item
Comm. Srv.	Park Avenue Community Center-Digital Projector / Class C		\$20 / hour	\$20 Per Item
Comm. Srv.	Park Avenue Community Center-Digital Projector / Class D		\$20 / hour	\$25 Per Item
Comm. Srv.	Park Avenue Community Center-Digital Projector / Class E		\$40 / hour	\$40 Per Item

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List of Proposed Fee Inventory Changes

Department	Fee Description	Description Change	Current Fee / Unit Basis	Proposed Fee
Comm. Srv.	Park Avenue Community Center-Portable P.A. System / Class B		\$5 / hour	\$5 Per Item
Comm. Srv.	Park Avenue Community Center-Portable P.A. System / Class C		\$10 / hour	\$10 Per Item
Comm. Srv.	Park Avenue Community Center-Portable P.A. System / Class D		\$10 / hour	\$25 Per Item
Comm. Srv.	Park Avenue Community Center-Portable P.A. System / Class E		\$20 / hour	\$25 Per Item
Group Picnic Areas				
Comm. Srv.	Jesmond Dene Picnic Areas #1 & #2 / 12-50 people per area - Class B		\$50 / reservation	\$90 / reservation
Comm. Srv.	Jesmond Dene Picnic Areas #1 & #2 / 12-50 people per area - Class C		\$50 / reservation	\$90 / reservation
Comm. Srv.	Jesmond Dene Picnic Areas #1 & #2 / 12-50 people per area - Class D		\$70 / reservation	\$130 / reservation
Comm. Srv.	Jesmond Dene Picnic Areas #1 & #2 / 12-50 people per area - Class E		\$90 / reservation	\$180 / reservation



**COMMUNITY SERVICES
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**Agenda Item No. 7:
Date: 10-27-16**

TO: Chair Simonson and Members of the Community Services Commission
FROM: Loretta McKinney, Director of Library and Community Services
SUBJECT: Community Services Department Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget Update

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.

BACKGROUND:

As you are aware, the Community Services Department consists of four different departments; the After School Education and Safety (ASES) department, Recreation, Older Adult Services, and Senior Nutrition Services. Since the mid-nineties, Recreation and the Community Services Department Administration were two separate budgets, resulting in the administration of five separate budgets. One of staff's goals for the 2016-17 fiscal year, was to combine the Recreation and Community Services Administration budgets to reflect the true nature of the process and for better efficiency.

Further, after reviewing the first round of all City department budget drafts, it was determined that the expenses outweighed the sources and all departments were asked to reduce the draft budgets by 2.3% each. The final approved budgets for all City departments can be found at <http://www.escondido.org/Data/Sites/1/media/PDFs/Finance/PreliminaryOperatingBudget1617.pdf?v=2>.

Overall, the increase of internal service charges (charges to the budget made by other departments for services provided; e.g. Information Systems, Building Maintenance, etc.), utility costs, and increases to personnel benefits impacted the budgets.

Respectfully Submitted,

Loretta McKinney
Director of Library and Community Services



**COMMUNITY SERVICES
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**Agenda Item No.: 8
Date: 10.27.16**

TO: Chair Simonson and Members of the Community Services Commission
FROM: Loretta McKinney, Director of Library and Community Services
SUBJECT: Amendment to the Municipal Code Pertaining to the Community Services Commission
– Youth Commissioner Position

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.

BACKGROUND:

On August 17, 2016, the City Council approved staff's request to introduce Ordinance No. 2016-08, amending the Escondido Municipal Code Section 18-18, to reduce the term of office for the Community Services Youth Commissioner from a four-year to a one-year term.

Appointments of members to the Community Services Commission and their terms of office are governed by the Escondido Municipal Code and provides the terms of office for the Commissioners to be four years each. This term-length of four years for the Youth Commissioner position has proven to be unrealistic. As the requirement to serve as a Youth Commissioner is 16 years-old, most students at this age have left for college within one year of serving on the Commission and no longer can attend the Commission meetings for the last three years of their term.

Staff will recruit for this position according to the annual calendar for all City Boards and Commissions, beginning in January 2017. The newly appointed Youth Commissioner should be selected and on board by the April 2017, Community Services Commission meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Loretta McKinney
Director of Library and Community Services