



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

May 30, 2013

To the Honorable City Council
of the City of Pasadena

Mayor and Councilmembers:

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

1. Green Space, Recreation and Parks Master Plan:

During the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2014 – 2018 Capital Improvement Program Budget on May 20, 2013, the City Council inquired about the City's need for additional park space and associated strategies for park acquisition/development. The *Green Space, Recreation and Parks Master Plan* adopted by the City Council on November 5, 2007 address both items. Please see the attached memorandum from Siobhan Foster, Director of Public Works which provides additional detailed information on the Green Space, Recreation and Parks Master Plan.

2. University of Michigan Football Program to Visit Pasadena:

The University of Michigan Football Program will be visiting the City of Pasadena on Friday, May 31, 2013, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. to conduct a youth camp mentoring program for Pasadena youth at Robinson Park.

Members of the Michigan senior football team and Head Coach Brady Hoke will meet with 80 youth ages 7-14 who have participated in local youth football programs such as the Citywide Recreation Youth Sports League, Pasadena Pop Warner Football (Pasadena Trojans), Valley Youth Football (Pasadena Ponies) and the Junior All-American Football (Pasadena Panthers) programs. According to Mercy Santoro, Director of Human Services and Recreation, the purpose of the visit is to provide youth from Pasadena the opportunity to be involved in a mentoring program. Youth will have the opportunity to work out in individual skill positions, focus on skill development, fundamentals and techniques. At the conclusion of the mentoring program, time will be set aside for an Autograph / Question & Answer session. For more information, contact Kenny James at (626) 744-7509.

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3. **After School Adventures Program Update:**

The Human Services and Recreation Department is pleased to announce that the After School Adventures Program (ASAP) will kick-off on Wednesday, August 14th for the 2013-14 School Year. ASAP provides affordable, flexible and convenient after school child care for students from Kindergarten through age 14. Online registration begins June 1, 2013 by visiting www.cityofpasadena.net/reserve. The attached memorandum from Mercy Santoro, Director of Human Services and Recreation provides additional detailed information on the services provided during this after school program.

4. **Central Library Summer Book Talks:**

Pasadena Public Library will hold a Summer Book Talk Series beginning June 13th through August 22nd. These informal lunchtime book talks will take place at Central Library, 285 E. Walnut St. from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. every other Thursday. According to Jan Sanders, Director of Library and Information Services, topics will include beach reads, graphic novels, cookbooks, audio books for commuters and summer road trips and other topics of interest to the group.

Although this was created for city employees, Councilmembers and Field Reps are welcome to attend and bring their own lunch. The library will provide drinks. The attached flyer provides information on this summer program or you can call Rosalie Jaquez at (626) 744-4294 for additional information.

5. **Rose Bowl Renovation Project Weekly Update:**

Attached is the most current schedule for the Rose Bowl Renovation Project as provided by Darryl Dunn, General Manager of the Rose Bowl.

Respectfully submitted,



JULIE A. GUTIERREZ
Assistant City Manager

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**MEMORANDUM - CITY OF PASADENA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

DATE: May 30, 2013
TO: Michael J. Beck, City Manager
FROM: Siobhan Foster, Director of Public Works
RE: Green Space, Recreation and Parks Master Plan

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Exhibit 2.2-1: Pasadena Parks depicts Pasadena’s 23 dedicated parks as of 2007. This includes fifteen neighborhood, five community, and three citywide parks. Table 2.2-2: Recreation Facility Inventory contains the amenities available at these parks also as of 2007.

Parkland Needs

Having a neighborhood park or other park that may satisfy common recreation needs within ½ mile or a “walkable service area” of residences is the City’s goal. In instances where there are barriers to walkability such as the I-210 or 134 freeways and/or high population density, a smaller service area radius of ¼ mile is ideal.

Exhibit 4.3-1: Green Space Gaps depicts both ¼-mile and ½-mile radii and “walkable service areas” around Pasadena’s neighborhood and community parks and identifies six portions or “gaps” of the City in need of access to parkland. The gaps are:

Gap	Description	Council District
1	North-south corridor between 210 Freeway & California Boulevard generally around El Molino Avenue	7
2	Area north of Del Mar Boulevard around Sierra Madre Boulevard	4
3	Area around John Marshall High School	2
4	Area around Pasadena City College	7
5	Area around John Muir High School	1
6	Area near Linda Vista Avenue & Lida Street	6
7	Area in San Rafael hills near La Loma Road & Avenue 64	6

Since 2007, the City has taken steps to address three of the gaps. On February 9, 2009, the City purchased 21-acres of land known as Annandale Canyon Estates near the corner

of Wierfield and Carlson Drives for public open space, which mitigates Gap 6. The City will be constructing trails and trailhead improvements to facilitate safe public access to this open space area. Additionally, the City's lease of the former Linda Vista School site, located at 1259 Linda Vista Avenue also lessens Gap 6. As part of the FY 2014 – 2018 CIP budget, the City Council authorized \$100,000 of funding for the installation of play equipment at this site.

Under the terms of the joint use agreement between the City and Pasadena Unified School District, the McKinley School gymnasium project currently under construction on the campus located at 325 S. Oak Knoll Avenue will provide needed recreational amenities to the Pasadena community in Gap 1. The City is contributing \$1.25 million to the \$16.3 million project, which also includes science laboratories and a kitchen.

The City and Pasadena Unified School District's proposal to construct lighted regulation soccer and softball fields on the Muir High School campus would partially mitigate Gap 5. This project requires state authorization to transfer \$1 million in Soccer and Recreational Development Grant from Hahamongna Watershed Park to the Muir site. The total project cost is approximately \$1.5 million.

Strategies for Park Acquisition/Development

The *Green Space, Recreation and Parks Master Plan* presents recommendations for existing parks, unimproved parkland, and joint use opportunities. Specific recommendations include the following:

- Implement planned improvements for 30-acre Hahamongna Watershed Park Annex;
- Pursue trail and park improvements within and adjacent to the Los Angeles County Flood Control Basin and Southern California Edison Property in eastern Pasadena;
- Acquire properties adjacent to existing parks as they become available;
- Pursue joint use agreements with the Pasadena Unified School District that would allow various schools to function as neighborhood parks;
- Continue to implement the Central District Specific Plan, which calls for incorporation of social gathering places such as plazas and other pedestrian oriented areas and usable open spaces in large developments and institutional campuses; and
- Consider new lighting at existing non-lighted fields.

The *Green Space, Recreation and Parks Master Plan* is available on the City's website at: http://www.ci.pasadena.ca.us/Planning/CommunityPlanning/Green_Space_Element_and_Master_Plan/.

Additionally, the City continues to pursue possible pocket park opportunities by identifying vacant parcels Citywide that have the potential to add to the City's open space resources. The October 6, 2003 Pockets Park Inventory presented to the City Council is available on the City's website at:

http://ww2.cityofpasadena.net/councilagendas/2003%20agendas/Oct_06_03/10A.pdf.

Since 2003, the City has established three pocket parks. The City dedicated its first pocket park, Sidney F. Tyler Park, on March 15, 2011. The park is located on the median between South Lake Avenue and Lakewood Place and features several tree species, rose garden, and seat walls.

In April 2012, the Department of Public Works in partnership with Pasadena Water & Power, and local businesses collaborated to design, fund, and install a "rain garden" on vacant, City-owned property on the southwest corner of Union Street and Catalina Avenue. The site features California native landscaping and ornamental trees intermixed with a meandering decomposed granite pathway and incorporates rock swales and basins designed like sponges to hold water on site for plants. Site amenities include a colorful rotating art exhibit, benches, and picnic table.

The Department of Public Works is currently designing a third pocket park for the southwest corner of Marengo Avenue and Washington Boulevard.

Attachments:

Exhibit 2.2-1: Pasadena Parks *(note: does not reflect Annandale Canyon Open Space or Desiderio Park)*

Table 2.2-2: Recreation Facility Inventory *(note: does not reflect Annandale Canyon Open Space, Desiderio Park, or McKinley and Madison School Gymnasium projects)*

Exhibit 4.3-1: Green Space Gaps

Green Space, Recreation and Parks Master Plan

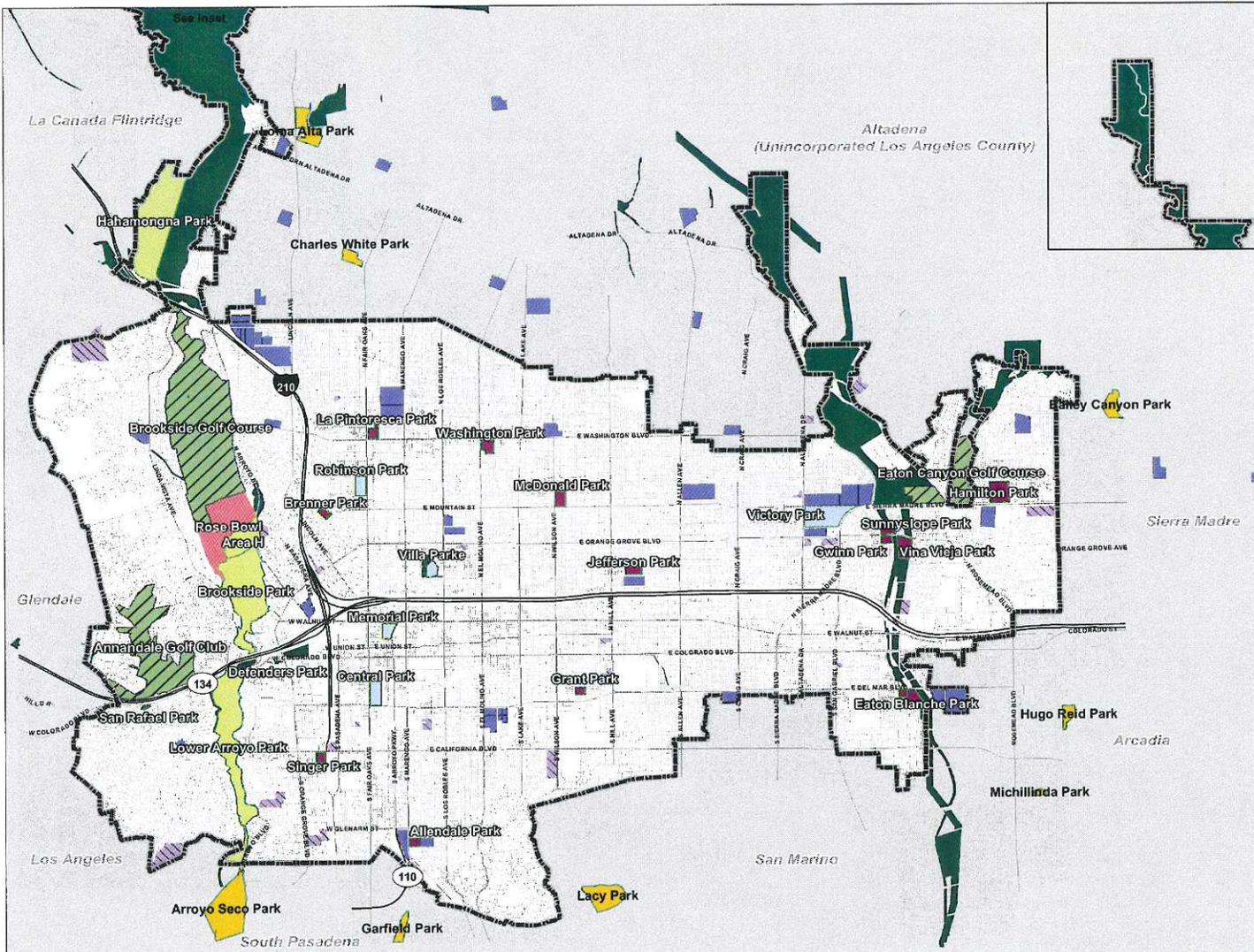


EXHIBIT 2.2-1: PASADENA PARKS

This map depicts Pasadena's 23 dedicated parks—15 Neighborhood Parks, 5 Community Parks, and 3 Citywide Parks. (For definitions of these park types, please refer to Section 2.1.) The majority of the Neighborhood Parks are distributed throughout the central portions of the City. Citywide Parks, however, are solely located along the Arroyo Seco in the western portion of Pasadena.

Legend

	Golf Course		OS
	Citywide Park		Public Schools
	Community Park		City Boundary
	Neighborhood Park		Private Schools
	Rose Bowl		
	Park Outside City		



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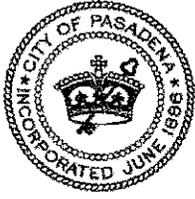
Existing Recreation Facilities

TABLE 2.2-2: RECREATION FACILITY INVENTORY

CITY OF PASADENA RECREATION FACILITY INVENTORY		PARK/PICNIC FACILITIES											ATHLETIC FACILITIES											Parking (Spaces)	Comments							
		Open Space Acreage	Amphitheater	Community Center	Playground	Picnic Shelter	Picnic Tables	Restroom	Trails	Baseball	Basketball (indoor)	Basketball (outdoor)	Basketball (half)	Concession Stand	Equestrian Facilities	Exercise Course	Gymnasium	Handball	Horseshoes	Multi-Purpose Field	Multi-Purpose Overlay	Skate Park	Soccer			Soccer (Non-Regulation)	Soccer Overlay	Softball (youth)	Swimming Pool	Tennis Court	Volleyball (Paved)	Volleyball (Sand)
CITYWIDE PARKS																																
Brookside Park - 360 N. Arroyo Boulevard	61.6		•	•	4	•	•	•	1L				•	•				8				1		2L	2L	3	5L	1	1,600	Kidspace Children's Museum, Rose Bowl Aquatic Center		
Rose Bowl Area H - 747 Seco Street	19.0						•						•									9										
Central Arroyo Seco Open Space	173.2						•																									
Hahamongna Watershed Park - 4550 Oak Grove Drive	90.0					•	•	•											1						1					214	Disc Golf	
Upper Arroyo Seco Open Space	230.0						•						•																			
Lower Arroyo Park	50.9		•				•	•																						75	Archery, Casting Pond	
Lower Arroyo Seco Open Space	99.1						•																									
COMMUNITY PARKS																																
Central Park - 275 S. Raymond Avenue	9.2			•		•	•											6												street	Lawn Bowling	
Memorial Park - 85 E. Holly Street	5.3		•				•	•					•																	23	Senior Center	
Robinson Park - 1081 N. Fair Oak Avenue	6.7			•	•	•	•		2L	1	3L		•			•		1L		1L						1		1		27	Skate Area	
Victory Park - 2575 Paloma Street	26.6			•	•	2	•	•	1L	3			•			•		1L					1	2L	3L			1		231		
Villa Park - 363 E. Villa Street	11.9			•	•		•	•		1	2L		•			•		1			1L	1		1	1					33		
NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS																																
Allendale Park - 1130 S. Marengo Avenue	2.9			•		•	•		1L			•														1		1L		13	Library	
Brenner Park - 235 W. Barthe Drive	2.7			•	2	•	•				1L								1						1		1			street		
Defenders Park - Orange Grove Blvd. & Colorado Blvd.	1.8																														street	
Eaton Blanche Park - 3100 E. Del Mar Boulevard	5.5			•	1	•	•				1L													1			2L			26		
Eaton Sunnyslope Park - Sunnyslope Ave & Paloma St	2.0			•		•																									street	
Grant Park - 232 S. Michigan Avenue	2.5			•	1	•	•					2							1						1	2L				street		
Gwinn Park - Orange Grove Blvd. & Sunnyslope Avenue	2.7					•																									street	
Hamilton Park - 3680 Cartwright Street	7.4			•	2	•	•		3		1L		•														2L	1L		61		
Jefferson Park - 1501 E. Villa Street	4.4			•		•	•				1L													1	1					street		
La Pintoresca Park - 45 E. Washington Boulevard	3.2			•	1	•	•				1L										1									7	Library, Splash Park	
McDonald Park - 1000 E. Mountain Avenue	5.0			•	2	•	•				1							2	1											street		
San Rafael Park - Colorado Boulevard & Melrose Avenue	0.9			•		•																									street	
Singer Park - California Boulevard & St. John Avenue	3.0			•		•	•																								street	Rose Garden
Vina Vieja Park - 3026 E Orange Grove Boulevard	7.6			•	1	•	•																								56	Dog Park
Washington Park - Washington Blvd. & El Molino Avenue	5.5			•	1	•	•				1L						2										2L			36		
TOTALS FOR CITY RECREATION FACILITIES	338.2	502.3							8	5	12	2					4	14	5	3	2	10	4	5	10	2	15	3	2			

• Present
Number of facilities
L Lighted

Existing Recreation Facilities



MEMORANDUM – CITY OF PASADENA Human Services and Recreation Department

DATE: May 30, 2013

TO: Michael Beck, City Manager

FROM: Mercy Santoro, Director – Human Services & Recreation

SUBJECT: **AFTER SCHOOL ADVENTURES PROGRAM UPDATE**

The Human Services and Recreation Department is pleased to announce that the After School Adventures Program (ASAP) will kick-off on Wednesday, August 14th for the 2013-14 School Year. ASAP provides affordable, flexible and convenient after school child care for students from Kindergarten through age 14.

ASAP will be at the following Pasadena Unified School District sites in 2013-14:

- Jefferson School
- Madison School
- San Rafael School
- Willard School
- Jackson School
- Longfellow School
- Webster School
- Don Benito School
- Field School
- Hamilton School
- McKinley School

For \$25 per week, students will be well-supervised, experience exciting and fun activities, express themselves through art music and drama, socialize and meet new friends, have homework assistance, build their self-confidence through positive play and socialization, learn the benefits of healthy eating and an active lifestyle, and feel a part of the ASAP family.

Staff from ASAP will also be offering a Summer program at Washington Park, located at the corner of El Molino Ave. and Washington Blvd. beginning June 24, 2013.

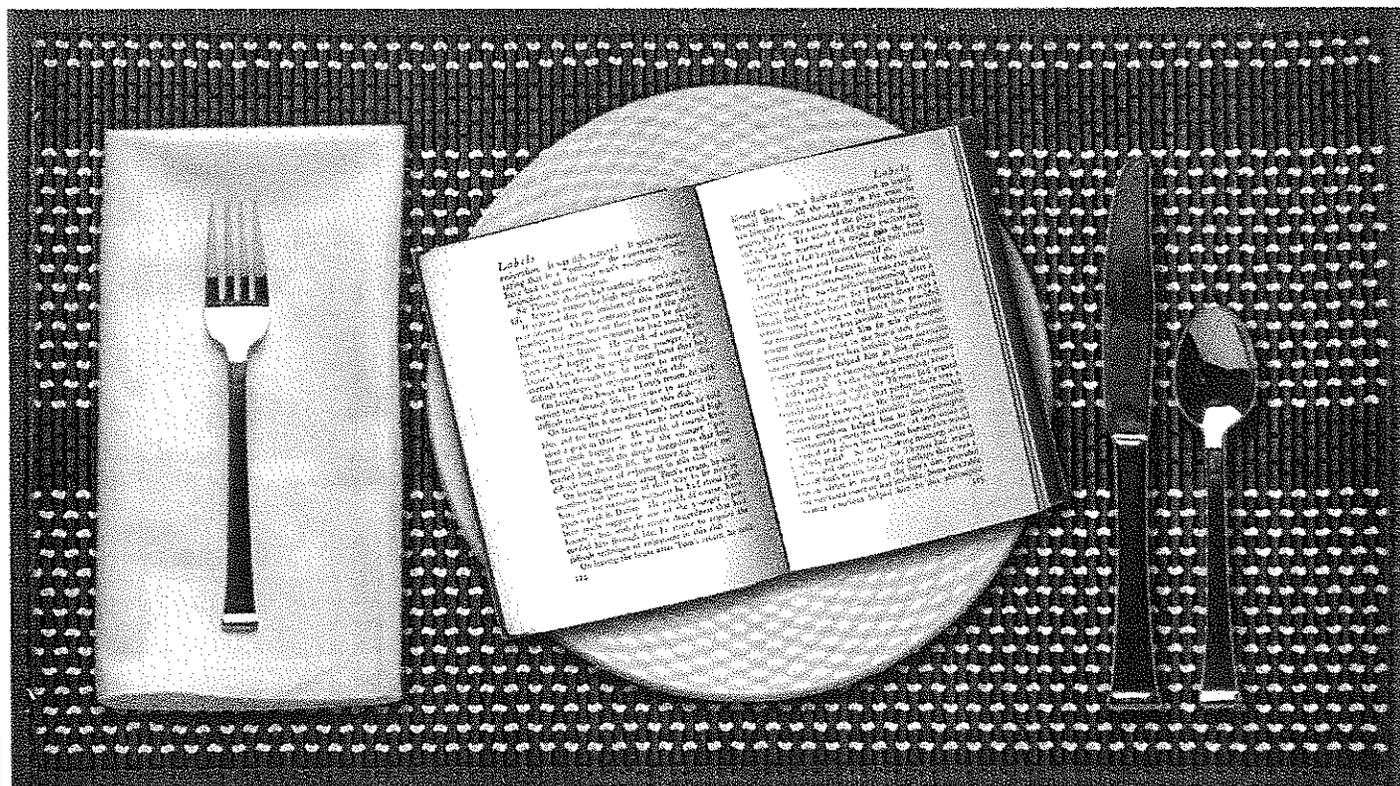
Online registration begins June 1, 2013 by visiting www.cityofpasadena.net/reserve. Walk-in registration begins June 11 at all the Recreation Centers. Financial assistance is provided for qualifying families and scholarship applications are available as well.

For more information, please call Charlene Porter at (626) 744-7330.



**PASADENA
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LIBRARY**

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Central Library Summer Book Talks *Just for City Staffers*

Join us for an Informal Lunchtime Book Talk this summer

Thursdays

June 13 & 27, July 11 & 25, August 8 & 22
12:15 – 1:15 p.m.

Central Library • 285 E. Walnut St.

First meeting - East Patio at Espress Yourself
Following meetings - West Patio

Topics will include:

- Beach Reads
- Cookbooks
- Graphic Novels
- Hot Topics
- Audio Books for Commuters and Road Trips

Bring your lunch. We will provide drinks.

For more information call Rosalie Jaquez (626) 744-4294.

PROJECT PLANNING SCHEDULE

5/28/2013

May							June							July						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	28	29	30	31			
26	27	28	29	30	31		30													

- May 20-May 31, 2013: Limited Pavilion Access through Lobby
- May 20- June 7, 2013: AV Control Room modifications Ongoing
- May 21- June 4, 2013: McMahon's RV Show (Lot K)
- May 28, 2013: Police Drivers Training Course (7am-4pm/ South Lot F)
- May 28, 2013: Video Surveillance Training (8am/ Project Training)
- May 29, 2013: Fire Alarm Training (8am/ Project Trailer)
- May 29, 2013: Irrigation Control Training (1pm/ Project Trailer)
- May 29, 2013: IMG Weekly Meeting (2pm/ Admin)
- May 29-31, 2013: Kare Youth Load In
- May 30, 2013: Plumbing Training (8am/ Project Trailer)
- May 31- June 2, 2013: Kare Youth Circus
- May 31, 2013: Fire Department Operations- Pavilion Walkthroughs
- June 2, 2013: TOR Filming (All day/ Court of Champions)
- June 3, 2013: Fire Department Operations- Pavilion walkthroughs
- June 3, 2013: Electrical Switchgear Training (8am/ Project Trailer)
- June 3, 2013: Legacy Coordination Meeting (10:15am/ Admin)
- June 3, 2013: Weekly Update Meeting (11am/ Conference Room)
- June 4, 2013: Fire Department Operations- Pavilion Walkthroughs
- June 5, 2013: Local Hiring Meeting (4pm/ Brookside)
- June 6, 2013: Gold Cup All Agency Production Meeting (10am/ Old Media Room)

- June 7, 2013: Audio Systems Training (8am/ Project Trailer)
- June 7, 2013: Diamond Job Fair (9am/ Media Center)
- June 8, 2013: Pavilion Open House
- June 8, 2013: YPO Graduation Event (Pavilion)
- **June 9, 2013: Flea Market**
- June 10, 2013: Legacy Coordination Meeting (10:15am/ Admin)
- June 10, 2013: Weekly Update Meeting (11am/ Conference Room)
- June 11, 2013: Police Driver's Training Course (7am-4pm/ South Lot F)
- June 11, 2013: UCLA "Meet the Coaches" Event (Field)
- June 13, 2103: Neighborhood Meeting (7:30am/ Brookside)
- June 15, 2013: Run. Yoga. Give. (5pm/ Field and Court of Champions)