



CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

2175 Cherry Avenue • Signal Hill, California 90755-3799

THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL
WELCOMES YOU TO A REGULAR
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
October 16, 2024

The City of Signal Hill appreciates your attendance. Citizen interest provides the Commission with valuable information regarding issues of the community. Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month.

Meetings begin at 6:00 pm. There is a public comment period at the beginning of the regular meeting, as well as the opportunity to comment on each agenda item as it arises. Any meeting may be adjourned to a time and place stated in the order of adjournment.

The agenda is posted 72 hours prior to each meeting on the City's website and outside of City Hall. The agenda and related reports are also available for review online at www.cityofsignalhill.org.

To participate:

- In-person Participation: Council Chamber of City Hall, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, California.
- To make a general public comment or comment on a specific agenda item, you may also submit your comment, limited to 250 words or less, to the Director of Parks, Recreation and Library Services at yaguilar@cityofsignalhill.org no later than 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 16, 2024. Written comments will be provided electronically to the Parks & Recreation Commission and attached to the meeting minutes. Written comments will not be read into the record.

Park and Recreation Commissioners are compensated \$75.00 per meeting.

(1) **CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 P.M.**

(2) **ROLL CALL**

CHAIR ANHORN
VICE CHAIR EDWARDS
COMMISSIONER DUTCH HUGHES
COMMISSIONER GIDWANI

COMMISSIONER KISS-LEE

(3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(4) PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THIS AGENDA

(5) PRESENTATION(S)

- a. ADRIANA LOPEZ, THE CITY’S LCA4 HOMELESS SERVICES LIAISON, WILL PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE CITY’S INITIATIVES AND EFFORTS IN DELIVERING OUTREACH AND PREVENTION SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY.

(6) DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

- a. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM FOR FUTURE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETINGS

Summary:

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Strategic Plan Goal(s):

Goal No. 5 High-Functioning Government: Strengthen internal communication, recruitment, retention, systems, and processes to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of City services.

Recommendation:

Determine whether a quorum of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be present for the regular meetings of November 20, 2024, and December 18, 2024, and provide direction to staff to reschedule or cancel either or both of the meetings.

- b. PET OF THE MONTH NOMINATIONS

Summary:

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Recommendation:

Review nominations for October 2024 and select nominee(s) to recognize for Pet of the Month.

- c. DIRECTOR’S REPORT - UPDATES ON CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS, PARK PROJECTS, AND PROGRAMS

Summary:

The Director’s Report provides an overview and various updates on activity and actions related to the Parks, Recreation and Library Services Department and provides the Parks and Recreation Commission with information about City Council direction; project status on park projects; and/or other programs and services.

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Goal No. 4 Maintain and improve the City’s physical infrastructure, water system, and recreational spaces.

Goal No. 5 Strengthen internal communication, recruitment, retention, systems, and processes to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of City services.

Recommendation:

Receive and file report.

(7) CONSENT CALENDAR

The following Consent Calendar items are expected to be routine and non-controversial. Items will be acted upon by the Commission at one time without discussion. Any item may be removed by a Commissioner or member of the audience for discussion.

- a. IN THE NEWS

Summary:

Articles (Attachment A) compiled by staff that may be of interest to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Recommendation:

Receive and file.

- b. REVIEW OF COMMISSION REVOLVING OBJECTIVES

Summary:

Each month staff will provide an update on various actions taken regarding

items identified on the Commission Revolving objectives.

Strategic Plan Goal(s):

Goal No. 5 Strengthen internal communication, recruitment, retention, systems, and processes to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of City services.

Recommendation:

Update, receive, and file report.

c. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Summary:

Regular Meeting of September 18, 2024.

Strategic Plan Goal(s):

Goal No. 5 Strengthen internal communication, recruitment, retention, systems, and processes to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of City services.

Recommendation:

Approve the meeting minutes.

(8) COMMISSION NEW BUSINESS

COMMISSIONER DUTCH HUGHES
COMMISSIONER GIDWANI
COMMISSIONER KISS-LEE
VICE CHAIR EDWARDS
CHAIR ANHORN

(9) ADJOURNMENT

Tonight’s meeting will be adjourned to the next regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission to be held on November 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, CA 90755.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

If you need special assistance beyond what is normally provided to participate in City meetings, the City will attempt to accommodate you in every reasonable manner. Please call the City Clerk’s office at (562) 989-7305 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting to inform us of your particular needs and to determine if accommodation is feasible.

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

I, Yvette E. Aguilar, Commission Secretary of the Parks and Recreation Commission,

do hereby affirm that a copy of the foregoing agenda was posted at City Hall, the Signal Hill Library, Discovery Well Park, and Reservoir Park, 72 hours in advance of this meeting.



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STAFF REPORT

10/16/2024

AGENDA ITEM

TO:

**HONORABLE CHAIR
AND MEMBERS OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

FROM:

**YVETTE E. AGUILAR
PARKS, RECREATION AND LIBRARY SERVICES DIRECTOR**

SUBJECT:

**PRESENTATION ON THE CITY'S INITIATIVES AND EFFORTS TO DELIVER
OUTREACH AND PREVENTION SERVICES**

Summary:

Adriana Lopez, the City's LCA4 Homeless Services Liaison, will provide an update on the City's initiatives and efforts in delivering outreach and prevention services to the community.



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Recommendation:

Determine whether a quorum of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be present for the regular meetings of November 20, 2024, and December 18, 2024, and provide direction to staff to reschedule or cancel either or both of the meetings.

Background and Analysis:

The November and December regular meetings of the Parks & Recreation Commission are scheduled for Wednesday, November 20, 2024, and December 18, 2024, respectively.

Due to conflicts with scheduled citywide events including the Holiday Tree Lighting event and Santa’s Workshop in November and December, respectively, and potential conflicts with the holiday season, staff are recommending the Parks and Recreation Commission cancel and/or reschedule the meetings as follows:

- 1.) Reschedule the November 20 meeting to either Wednesday, November 13 or Thursday, November 14.
- 2.) Reschedule the December 18 meeting to either Wednesday, December 11, or Thursday, December 12.
- 3.) Cancel the meetings of November and/or December 2024.

Staff have selected the recommended rescheduling dates based on other City meetings and events, and the availability of meeting space.

Should the Commission decide to cancel either or both of the meetings and a time-sensitive item arise that needs action by the Commission, staff would work to schedule a meeting on one of the proposed rescheduled meeting dates.

Staff are seeking verification whether a quorum, or a minimum of three commissioners, will be present for the November and December 2024 Commission meetings. If no quorum is present, the Commission may direct staff to cancel those meetings.

Approved:

Yvette E. Aguilar



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PARKS, RECREATION AND LIBRARY SERVICES DIRECTOR**

BY:
**MELISSA MONTIEL
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

SUBJECT:
PET OF THE MONTH NOMINATIONS

Summary:

The Commission will consider submitted nominations and select a Pet of the Month for October 2024 (Attachment A).

Strategic Plan Goal(s):

Goal No. 5 Strengthen internal communication, recruitment, retention, systems, and processes to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of City services.

Recommendation:

Review nominations for October 2024 and select nominee(s) to recognize for Pet of the Month.

Background & Analysis:

Two new qualified nominations were received for October 2024 and five nominations remain from previous submissions. A total of seven nominations are eligible for the Parks and Recreation Commission to consider for the October 2024 Pet of the Month (Attachment B).

Approved:

Yvette E. Aguilar

10/16/2024

**Monthly Pet of the Month
Guidelines
PRC Approved 09/21/2022**

The Pet of the Month program is intended to promote community engagement and highlight Signal Hill pets in the community. Selected pet of the month is subjective, non-scientific or data driven, and at the sole discretion of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Eligibility Criteria

- Self-Attest to Signal Hill Residency
 - Nominating Owner
 - Pet
- Pet must be licensed in the City of Signal Hill
- One nomination per household per month

Application Criteria (in addition to information from Eligibility Criteria)

- Name of Pet
- Animal Type
- Special Characteristics and Information about the Pet
- Activities Pet Likes
- Photo of Pet

Selection Process

- More than one selection for “Pet of the Month” may be made if approved by the commission.
- All nominations received will be presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission each month, based on the timeline, below.

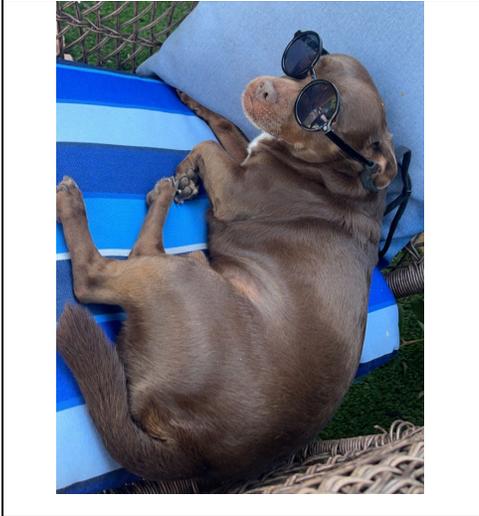
Pet of the Month for	Nomination Window	Pet of the Month Selection	Recognition
January	December 1-31	January PRC Meeting	Mid-January through mid-February
February	January 1-31	February PRC Meeting	Mid-February through mid-March
March	February 1-28/29	March PRC Meeting	Mid-March through mid-April
April	March 1-31	April PRC Meeting	Mid-April through mid-May
May	April 1-30	May PRC Meeting	Mid-May through mid-June
June	May 1-31	June PRC Meeting	Mid-June through mid-July
July	June 1-30	July PRC Meeting	Mid-July through mid-August
August	July 1-31	August PRC Meeting	Mid-August through mid-September

September	August 1-31	September PRC Meeting	Mid-September through mid-October
October	September 1-30	October PRC Meeting	Mid-October through mid-November
November	October 1-31	November PRC Meeting	Mid-November through mid-December
December	November 1-30	December PRC Meeting	Mid-December through mid-January

- Selected Pet of the Month is recognized via:
 - City Website
 - Monthly E-Newsletter
 - City and Community Services Department Facebook pages
- Nominations that are not selected for “Pet of the Month” are eligible for future consideration
- Nominations will also be featured to help promote community engagement, but only pet(s) that are selected as Pet(s) of the Month will be featured as promoted as such.

Pet of the Month - October Nominees

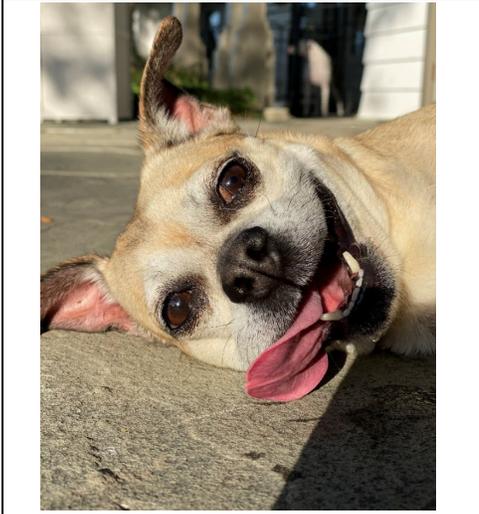
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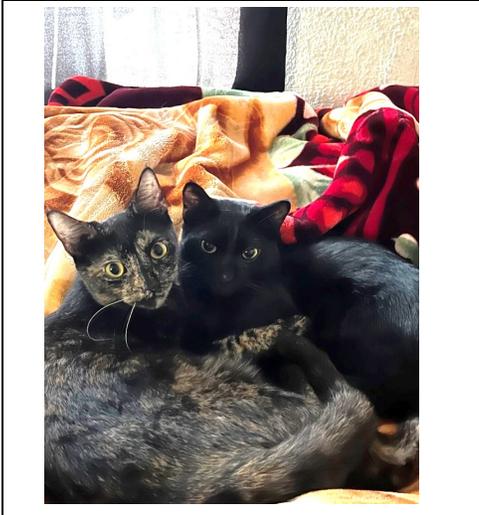
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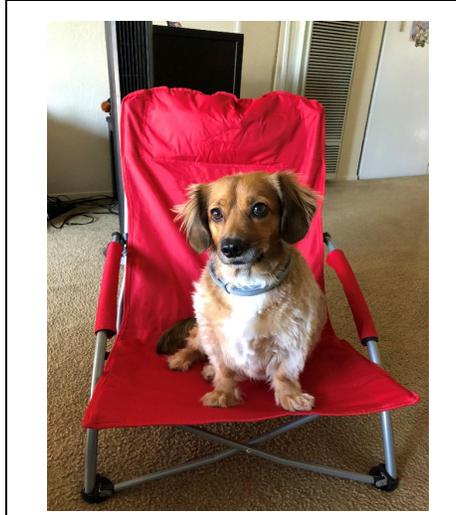
Kanji



Eddie & Vinny



Rex



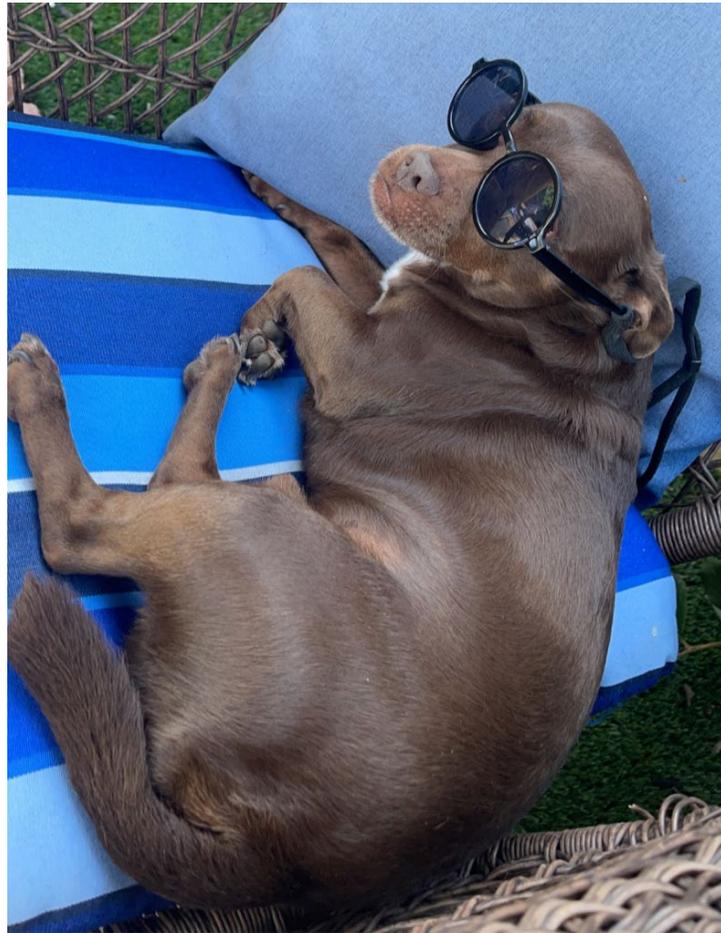
Pet of the Month - October Nominees

Lola



City of Signal Hill Pet of the Month October 2024

What is your Pet's name?	Canelo
Does your pet have a nick name?	Field not completed.
Are you a Signal Hill resident?	Yes
What type of animal/breed is your pet?	Chihuahua Mix
What makes your pet special?	Very calm and loves kids
How long have you had your pet? How did you acquire your pet?	3 years, he was a stray dog and my husband and I took him in ever since.
What activities does your pet like to do?	Walking, fetch, bike rides,
Does your pet have all required licenses?	Yes



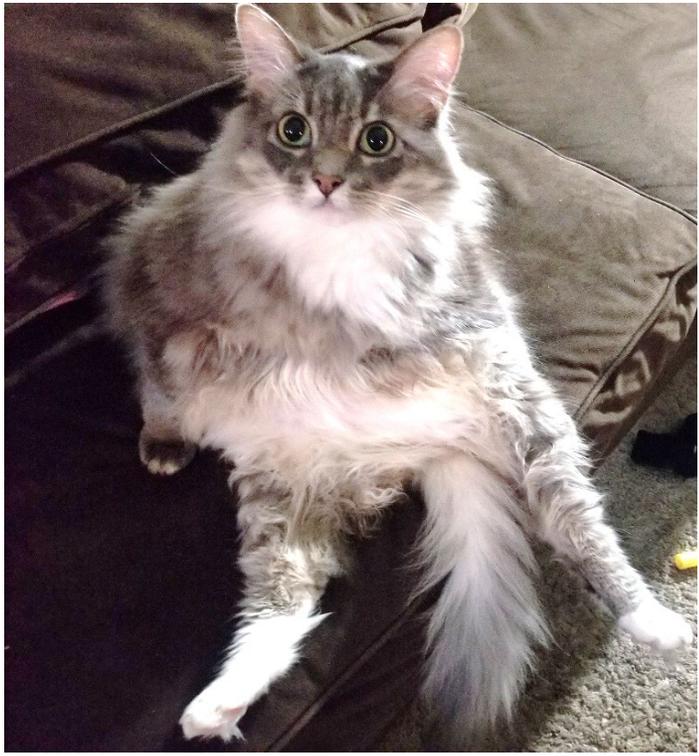
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What is your Pet's name?	Mia
Does your pet have a nick name?	Field not completed.
Are you a Signal Hill resident?	Yes
What type of animal/breed is your pet?	Maltese
What makes your pet special?	So lovable, loves all dogs, cats and small animals
How long have you had your pet? How did you acquire your pet?	4 years. I purchased her from a breeder (my 17yo cat died)
What activities does your pet like to do?	Loves meeting people and other animals
Does your pet have all required licenses?	Yes
	

City of Signal Hill Pet of the Month October 2024

What is your Pet's name?	Chalupa
Does your pet have a nick name?	Chalupa
Are you a Signal Hill resident?	Yes
What type of animal/breed is your pet?	Puggle
What makes your pet special?	She thinks and acts more like a cat
How long have you had your pet? How did you acquire your pet?	8 years and she was found with a broken leg
What activities does your pet like to do?	Chase lasers and sit in high places
Does your pet have all required licenses?	Yes
	

City of Signal Hill Pet of the Month October 2024

What is your Pet's name?	Kanji
Does your pet have a nick name?	Chomps
Are you a Signal Hill resident?	Yes
What type of animal/breed is your pet?	Long Haired mixed breed
What makes your pet special?	He is very calm and easy going. Doesn't fuss and rarely meows about anything
How long have you had your pet? How did you acquire your pet?	Like a good cat auntie I was cat sitting. It's been about 2 years and I am now his cat mommy. He was meant to be with me.
What activities does your pet like to do?	He loves tummy rubs, naps, snacks and sitting on couch watching TV with his cat daddy.
Does your pet have all required licenses?	Yes
	

City of Signal Hill Pet of the Month October 2024

What is your Pet's name?	Eddie And Vinny
Does your pet have a nick name?	No
Are you a Signal Hill resident?	Yes
What type of animal/breed is your pet?	Eddie is a female tortoiseshell cat and Vinny is a male Bombay cat
What makes your pet special?	They are great parents to their 4 kittens. they love to cuddle and play
How long have you had your pet? How did you acquire your pet?	1 year. Adopted then from a friend
What activities does your pet like to do?	Chase each other and play with their toys
Does your pet have all required licenses?	Yes
	

City of Signal Hill Pet of the Month October 2024

What is your Pet's name?	Rex
Does your pet have a nick name?	T Rex
Are you a Signal Hill resident?	Yes
What type of animal/breed is your pet?	mutt
What makes your pet special?	loving and caring
How long have you had your pet? How did you acquire your pet?	9 years, adopted at a no kill adoption event
What activities does your pet like to do?	walk around the neighborhood, hunt crickets and sleep in bed
Does your pet have all required licenses?	Yes
	

City of Signal Hill Pet of the Month October 2024

What is your Pet's name?	Lola
Does your pet have a nick name?	No
Are you a Signal Hill resident?	Yes
What type of animal/breed is your pet?	Havanese
What makes your pet special?	She loves bell peppers and Discovery Well park
How long have you had your pet? How did you acquire your pet?	3 years. She moved to Long Beach from Nebraska to find the coastt.
What activities does your pet like to do?	She loves to chase squirrels, lizards and birds . She lives the beach and sailing in the bay with her Shoreline Marina friends living aboard .
Does your pet have all required licenses?	Yes
	



STAFF REPORT

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AGENDA ITEM

TO: HONORABLE CHAIR
AND MEMBERS OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

FROM: YVETTE E. AGUILAR
PARKS, RECREATION AND LIBRARY SERVICES DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: DIRECTOR'S REPORT - UPDATES ON CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS, PARK PROJECTS, AND PROGRAMS

Summary:

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Recommendation:

Receive and file report.

Updates and Analysis:

CITY COUNCIL

At the September 10, 2024 City Council Meeting:

- A Public Hearing was held regarding a Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA) Hearing, to adopt a resolution approving the issuance of a not to exceed total of

\$7,000,000.00 of California Enterprise Development Authority Revenue Bonds for the benefit of EDCO Waste & Recycling Services, Incorporated, EDCO Disposal Corporation, EDCO Waste Services LLC, EDCO Transport Services, LLC, and/or a related entity for the purpose of financing, refinancing, and/or reimbursing the cost of solid waste disposal.

- A Public Hearing was held regarding a resolution to establish a vending impoundment fee relating to unpermitted sidewalk vendors thereby amending the uniform schedule of service fees and charges 2024-04-6794.
- City Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-09-6835:

A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Signal Hill, California, Adopting A General Fund Reserve Policy For The City Of Signal Hill

At the September 24, 2024 City Council Meeting:

- Mayor Woods presented a proclamation to outgoing planning commissioner Christopher Wilson.
- A student representative from the American University of Health Sciences provided a presentation on Narcan (Naloxone) for opioid overdose, and the signs and symptoms of opioid overdose.
- A representative from the Miller Children’s and Women’s Hospital provided an overview of services the organization provides to Signal Hill Residents.
- Librarian Gelli Nocon provided an update on upcoming programs to commemorate World Mental Health Day.
- Police Chief Wayne Byerley introduced and swore in Jonathon Pena, new police officer for the City of Signal Hill.
- Mayor Woods presented certificates to the 2024 Signal Hill Leadership Academy participants.
City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into a Public Works Contract with Spectra systems Incorporated, dba Spectra Turf, for a term of 14 calendar days and a not-to-exceed contract in the amount of \$132,625.00, in a form approved by the City Attorney.
- City Council approved the Second Amendment to the Employment Agreement for the City Manager, in a form approved by the City Attorney.
- Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-09-6840:
A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Signal Hill, California, Amending Resolution No. 2024-06-6818, Approving And Adopting A City-Wide Pay Schedule As Required By The California Public Employees’ Retirement System (Calpers)

CENTENNIAL PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

The City of Signal Hill continues to celebrate 100 years of incorporation in 2024. In January 2022,

City Council appointed the Centennial Celebration Committee, comprised of two council members, and one representative from the Planning and Parks and Recreation Commissions. The committee has been meeting since early 2023 to plan, organize, and map out the festivities throughout the year.

The city's website has also been updated and populated with information related to the centennial. There's a landing page that is dedicated promoting the centennial year, and more information is updated on a regular basis. Additional events, programs, and activities will be included on the website as details are finalized throughout the year.

Signal Hill Passport

Be a part of the City's history and learn about the rich offerings of our past. Visit one of the centennial activities or events and get your passport stamped with Signal Hill's commemorative stamp. Fill in your passport book and redeem your prizes at the Signal Hill Public Library by December 18, 2024.

Tree Sponsorship Program

The City of Signal Hill is home to a beautiful park system with exquisite views. Part of that landscape includes trees that adorn our recreation and open spaces, trails, sidewalks, and medians.

Our Tree Sponsorship Program allows park supporters to have a tree planted in honor of a loved one. To sponsor a tree simply complete the application online and provide your preferred area for your sponsored tree to be planted.

The city will make every effort to place a tree in the requested zone. However, if staff are unable to accommodate specific zone request, contact will be made with the applicant to find an alternative zone.

Sponsorship donations are final and non-refundable. All sponsorship donations should be made payable to the City of Signal Hill, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill CA 90755 with a note "Tree Sponsorship" in the memo line.

Time Capsule - Share Your Story

The City of Signal Hill is celebrating 100 years of incorporation in 2024 and you are an important part of the City's history. Share your story and tell us why Signal Hill is important to you, your favorite memory about the City, or an important occasion that took place in the City. Be a part of the City's continued history as we capture your story and save it to install in the City's new time capsule at the end of the 2024 year. Please note, your name may be published, but your contact will only be used by City personnel to get in touch with you regarding your submittal if needed. Contact the Parks, Recreation and Library Services Department if you have any questions at 562-989-7330 or email us at 100years@cityofsignalhill.org <mailto:100years@cityofsignalhill.org> for more information.

Celebrating Centenarians

In honor of the City's milestone year, we want to recognize centenarians in our community! If you, or someone you know, is 100 years old or will turn 100 this year, let us know! We'll share their name, date of birth, and recognize them at a future City Council meeting.

Please complete the information online to be a part of the celebration. Note, information will be shared via public information channels such as the website, social media, and in a public meeting.

City Hall Open House

On February 27, we hosted the first Open House at the City Hall building and City Council Chambers. A total of 25 patrons attended the Open House and took a tour of the building. The afternoon included a Model T, displays of past City Council and City Hall building pictures, as well as light refreshments. The participants of the Afterschool Recreation Club (ARC) joined in the festivities to learn about the Model T car and the departments that are based at City Hall.

Youth Art & Community Photo Contest

As a part of the City's Centennial Celebration, more than 60 photos were submitted for the Community Photo Contest and three art pieces were submitted for the Youth Art Contest.

The Community Photo Contest invited individuals to enter digital images with a theme "Signal Hill Captured." The Youth Art Contest theme was "A Moment In The Community". Photos and art pieces were displayed at the Centennial Celebration Event on Saturday, April 27. The Community Photo Contest winners and Youth Art Contestants were presented with certificates at the May Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting.

Mayor's Tree Planting Event

On Saturday, May 20, the Mayor and the Sustainable City Committee hosted a tree planting event at Reservoir Park. More than 40 members of the community attended and helped to plant a total of 14 trees around the Park area.

Centennial Celebration Event

On Saturday, April 27, the City hosted a day filled with various events and activities to commemorate the City's official Centennial anniversary.

The morning started off with the Signal Hill Color Fun Run and Walk, which had nearly 250 participants, followed by a pancake breakfast, which was enjoyed by nearly 500 guests.

In the afternoon, the City held the official Opening Ceremony to start off the City's event, where 150 people were in attendance. The Opening Ceremony program included all members of the current City Council, Supervisor Janice Hahn, City Manager Carlo Tomaino, Dave Slater from Signal Hill Petroleum, and several guests including Signal Hill resident Ian Hand, artists Amy Glinska and Brianna Liddi, and Chaplain Wesley Sullivan. The United States Marine Corps 3rd Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company presented the flags.

The City's existing time capsule was revealed and an exhibit with all items contained within the capsule were displayed for public viewing inside the City Council Chambers for the afternoon.

The event which featured live bands, music, games, food, and crafts began immediately following the Opening Ceremony, until the evening, when the evening concluded with a customized drone show that captivated the 2,500 person audience at the park and throughout the City.

SH Police Department Open House

On May 4, we hosted the second Open House at the Signal Hill Police Department. A total of 150 patrons attended the Open House and took a tour of the station, with tours led by SHPD staff. The morning included meet and greets with the SHPD Command Team, a visit through the lobby,

Emergency Operations Center (EOC), jail, dispatch, administrative offices, the opportunity to explore the interior of multiple police vehicles, and concluded with a BBQ on site.

Jessie Nelson Gravesite Visit

On May 15, the Signal Hill Historical Society hosted a visit to Jessie Nelson's gravesite. The City provided bus transportation for 35 attendees. The group visited the gravesite, and were presented with a Signal Hill Historical Society presentation to honor the City's first mayor. After the gravesite visit, the group visited the Hilbert Museum and enjoyed lunch at Orange Circle for the remainder of the afternoon.

Public Works Open House & Touch-A-Truck Event

On June 26, we hosted the Public Works Open House & Touch-A-Truck event at the Public Works Yard. More than 100 patrons attended the Open House and had a chance to check out the Public Works and safety vehicles firsthand including a Los Angeles County Fire Department ladder truck; a Signal Hill Petroleum Crane; an EDCO refuse truck; Public Works trucks and tractors; a historical Model T truck and fire engine; and enjoy light refreshments. The participants of the Signal Hill Park Day Camp joined in the festivities.

Summer Concerts

A total of six concerts were held for the Summer 2024 concert series. Each week, a different band from each decade played, starting from the 1960s to the 2010s. The Summer Concert attendees filled the park to enjoy an outdoor family-friendly evening of live music. The Signal Hill Community Foundation recognized the concert sponsors on stage before the July 10 Concert, and again at the City Council meeting of August 27, 2024. This year's sponsors were: Signal Hill Petroleum, Crimson Pipeline, Supervisor Janice Hahn, Port of Long Beach, EDCO, Signal Hill Historical Society and 2H Construction.

Hill Climb & Parks & Recreation Open House

On Saturday, September 14, 2024 a ceremonial Model T Hill Climb was celebrated to honor the City's centennial year. During this event vintage vehicles, conquered the hill, recreating the Model T Hill Climb which was originally from the 1960s and 1970s. Ten vintage vehicles participated in the climb up Hill Street next to Discovery Well Park. After all the competing vehicles had completed their timed race up the hill, participants had the option to take a closer look at additional vintage and classic vehicles and hear stories from individuals who participated in the original hill climb. A key partner in the event, the Long Beach Model T Club, provided a display of Model T artifacts. An estimated 500 community members attended this event.

Centennial State of the City

On Wednesday, October 2, 2024, the Mayor held the State of the City address and all City Council members provided an update on the status of the City's Strategic Plan. Approximately 100 residents and business owners attended the event.

Past Centennial Programs & Events	
Program Dates	Number of Participants
February 27, 2024	City Hall Open House - 25 Adult, 65 Youth Afterschool Recreation Club Participants
March 28, 2024	Community Photo Contest Entries Closed 64 Photos submitted
April 11, 2024	History on the Hill Talk – 1940s
	Youth Art Contest Entries Closed 3 Youth Art pieces submitted
April 20, 2024	Mayor’s Tree Planting at Reservoir Park
April 27, 2024	Centennial Celebration Event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Color Fun Run & Walk • Pancake Breakfast • Opening Ceremony/Time Capsule Revelation • Skate Demonstration • Live Entertainment and Music • Food, Games, and Crafts for the Family • Drone Show
May 4, 2024	Police Department Open House – 150 Participants

May 9, 2024	History on the Hill Talk – 1950s
May 11, 2024	Paws on the Hill Event at Signal Hill Park
June 13, 2024	History on the Hill Talk – 1960s
June 26, 2024	Open House – Public Works Yard and Touch-A-Truck Event
July 10, 2024	Summer Concert – Tribute to the 60s
July 11, 2024	History on the Hill Talk – 1970s
July 17, 2024	Summer Concert – Tribute to the 70s
July 24, 2024	Summer Concert – Tribute to the 80s
July 31, 2024	Summer Concert – Tribute to the 90s
August 6, 2024	National Night Out
August 8, 2024	History on the Hill Talk – 1980s
August 7, 2024	Summer Concert – Tribute to the 00s
August 10, 2024	Signal Hill Public Library 5 th Birthday
August 14, 2024	Summer Concert – Tribute to 10s
September 12, 2024	History on the Hill Talk– 1990s
September 14, 2024	Model T Hill Climb and Discovery Well Park Open House
October 2, 2024	State of the City
October 10, 2024	History on the Hill Talk – 2000s

Upcoming Centennial Programs & Events	
October 19, 2024	Fall Mayor’s Clean-up: Central Neighborhood
October 26, 2024	Halloween Carnival and Centennial Laser Light Show
November 8, 2024	Vice Mayor’s Reception
November 14, 2024	History on the Hill Talk – 2010s
November 20, 2024	Centennial Tree Lighting & Lights Extravaganza
December 10, 2024	Mayor’s Reception
December 12, 2024	History on the Hill Talk – Present Day
December 18, 2024	Santa’s Workshop

PARK PROJECTS

Hillbrook Park Improvement Project

The City underwent extensive outreach for the Hillbrook park improvement project for the redesign of the park space. Construction has begun and is projected to be completed by Winter 2025. The project can be followed on the City’s website at [≤https://www.cityofsignalhill.org/692/Hillbrook-Park-Improvement-Project≥](https://www.cityofsignalhill.org/692/Hillbrook-Park-Improvement-Project).

Civic Center Master Plan

City Council entered into an agreement with John Kaliski Architects, Incorporated (JKA), to develop, design, and recommend potential implementation alternatives for future enhancements of the Civic Center campus.

The consultant gathered community input through several engagement opportunities including in-person feedback at special events, multiple online surveys, workshops, and general at City Council, Commission, and Committee meetings.

The final master plan was approved and adopted by City Council at the August 27, 2024 meeting.

Please visit the website at [≤https://www.cityofsignalhill.org/717/Civic-Center-Master-Plan≥](https://www.cityofsignalhill.org/717/Civic-Center-Master-Plan) to learn more and keep updated on the status of the Plan.

RECREATION DIVISION

Program	Number of Participants
<u>After School Programs</u>	
The Afterschool Recreation Club (ARC) and Tween program participants engage in various activities based on a weekly theme that include science, technology, arts, and sports.	
<u>ARC</u>	
After School Program	57 enrolled
Tween	15 enrolled
<u>Youth Sports (73)</u>	
Co Ed Flag Football 4 teams	32 enrolled
Co Ed Volleyball 4 teams	41 enrolled

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

Program	Number of Participants
<u>Food Distribution Programs</u>	
The Department offers a Senior Food Distribution program for residents ages 55 and older to receive supplemental groceries and a Family Food Distribution program for families to receive a Mother’s Nutritional Market debit card to purchase supplemental groceries each month.	
Senior Brown Bag Program	32 seniors
Family Food Distribution Program	18 families

<u>Senior Social Club Programs</u>	
This program is focused on providing engagement, enrichment, and socialization opportunities for adults ages 55 and older.	
9/4/2024: Traditional Games: <u>Loteria</u>	8
9/5/2024: Walking Club	2
9/10/2024: Silver Sneakers	4
9/11/2024: Arts & Crafts- Bangle	3
9/11/2024: Traditional Games: BINGO	20
9/12/2024: Walking Club	1
9/13/2024: Social Club – Fiesta Social	50
9/17/2024: Silver Sneakers	4
9/17/2024: Arts & Crafts- Faux Plant Air Fresheners	6
9/19/2024: Walking Club	2
9/24/2024: Senior Excursion- Gamble House	45
9/25/2024: Arts & Crafts- Fall Foliage	1
9/25/2024: Traditional Games: Cards	3

<u>Community Garden at Signal Hill Park</u> The Department is responsible for 24 rentable plots in the Community Garden. Staff are working to contact the individuals on the waiting list for the one open plot.	
Garden Plots	23

<u>Animal and Pet Programs</u> The pet programs are focused on promoting responsible pet ownership, pet health, pet adoption opportunities in addition to pet and animal education opportunities. Some programs are in partnership Long Beach Animal Care Services, and some are stand alone.	
<u>Low-Cost Pet Vaccination Clinic</u> Community Animal Medicine Project (CAMP) provides low-cost vaccine and wellness services. Services include flea/tick treatment, microchips, as well as both cat and dog vaccinations.	
9/21/2024: Low-Cost Pet Vaccination Clinic	72

<u>Volunteer Programs</u>		
Volunteer Events		
9/25/2024: Volunteer Onboarding Orientation	5 Volunteers	
Library & Administrative Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteer Hrs.
Library Youth Volunteer(s)	1 volunteer	16

<u>Facility Rentals – September</u>	Resident	Non-Resident	Non-Profit	School	Total
Discovery Well Park Picnic Shelters	0	0	0	0	0
Reservoir Park Picnic Shelter	0	1	0	0	1
Signal Hill Park Picnic Shelters	3	1	0	0	4
Discovery Well Community Centers	0	1	0	0	1
Spud Field	0	0	0	0	0
Signal Hill Point Terrace	1	1	0	0	2
Library Community Room	0	0	2	0	2
Zinnia Courtyard Patio	0	0	0	0	0
Wedding Space	1	0	0	0	1
TOTAL					11

<u>Rental Revenue</u>	January – September 2024
Facility Rental Revenue	\$15,835.00
Total Facility Fees Waived	\$14,377.50

LIBRARY SERVICES DIVISION

<u>Service</u>	<u>Number of Participants</u>
<u>Circulation:</u> Total number of items checked out from the library that are in circulation.	
Circulation of Library Items	4,870
Library Visits	9,855
Library Website Visits	592
Library Wi-Fi Connections	1,201
Resident Library Card Registration	50
Non-Resident Library Card Registration	202
<u>Inter Library Loan (ILL)</u> Enables patrons to obtain materials unavailable at the Signal Hill Public Library, and other libraries can also borrow Signal Hill's materials.	
Inter Library Loan Service Borrowed	51
Inter Library Loan Service Loaned Out	22

<u>Electronic Resources</u>	<u>Number of Participants</u>
<u>Freemal Music Subscription+</u>	2 New Active Users, 181 songs streamed
<u>Kanopy Movie Streaming Subscription</u>	10 New Active Users, 2,565 minutes streamed
<u>Beanstack Subscription</u>	19 New Active Users

<u>Service</u>	<u>Number of Participants</u>
Study Rooms Reservations	188
Story Time	305 Children, 269 Adults
First Friday Book Club	10 Adults
Romance Comedy Book Club	8 Adults
Make It!	6 Children, 17 Adults
Senior Dance for Health	36 Adults
After School Club	22 Children, 1 Adult
Teen Social Club	40 Children
Jewel Box Children's Theater	4 Children, 2 Adults
Zumba at the Library	110 Adults
<u>Loteria de la Familia</u>	15 Children, 15 Adults
Pajama Movie Night with Daisy	11 Children, 15 Adults
Hobbit Day Celebration	7 Children, 13 Adults
History on the Hill	22 Adults
Daisy's STEAM Lab	9 Children, 3 Adults
Eat Your Words Poetry Workshop	7 Adults
ADHD Seminar	7 Adults
MOLAA Family Art Workshop	7 Children, 15 Adults

Ongoing Library Programs	
Mondays	Spanish Story Time 4 th Monday: Daisy's Steam Lab
Tuesdays	After School Club Zumba at the Library
Wednesdays	Baby Story Time 3 rd Wednesday: Make It! Do-It-Yourself Craft Club
Thursdays	Senior Dancing for Health Teen Social Club 3 rd Thursday Romance Comedy Book Club Tutoring Program
Fridays	Preschool Story Time 1 st Friday Book Club Tutoring Program
Saturdays	Khmer Story Time 3 rd Saturday Fun Photography Club and Open Studio 3 rd Saturday Jewel Box Children's Theater Company Workshop

PARKS, RECREATION, AND LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Upcoming Programs	
October 18	Bachata Class at the Library
October 21	Write YOUR Story: Senior Non-Fiction Writing Workshop
October 24	Family-Friendly Open Mic
October 24	Family-Friendly Open Mic
October 25	Creepy Crawly Storytime
October 25	3D Printed Goodies
October 25	Bachata Class at the Library
November 1	Day of the Dead <u>Facepainting</u>
November 1	Navigating Your Social Security Benefits

November 4	<u>Calavera</u> (Sugar Skull) Decorating
November 4	Meal Vouchers Veterans and Active Military – While Supplies Last
November 4	Thank You to Our Veterans Yard Signs – While Supplies Last
November 8	Vice Mayor Wilson’s Reception
November 9	Adopt Your Reading Buddy: Pet Adoptions at the Library
November 9	Native American Documentary: <i>Gather</i>
November 12	Veteran Documentary: <i>Almost Sunrise</i>
November 13	Military Veteran Speaker: James E. Markel (US Marine Corps - 1966)
November 14	Volunteer Opportunity: Veteran Letters of Gratitude
November 14	History on the Hill
November 16	Low-Cost Pet Vaccination Clinic
November 18	Selfie Museum
November 20	Tree Lighting & Centennial Light Display

Approved:

Yvette E. Aguilar



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FROM:

**YVETTE E. AGUILAR
PARKS, RECREATION AND LIBRARY SERVICES DIRECTOR**

SUBJECT:

IN THE NEWS

Summary:

Articles (Attachment A) compiled by staff that may be of interest to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Recommendation:

Receive and file.

Approved:

Yvette E. Aguilar

CALIFORNIA

We ranked the top 10 best places to retire in California for most people. Would you live here?



The Samoa Peninsula in Eureka, Calif. (Myung J. Chun / Los Angeles Times)



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We all have fantasy of where we want to retire.

To some, it might be amid the golf courses of Palm Springs. Others might dream about the coast, whether it be the charm of La Jolla, the boating culture of Newport Beach or the celebrity glitz of Malibu. Wait — what about a mountain cabin for skiing, or sunsets amid the rolling hills and vineyards of wine country?

But harsh reality has forced many Californians to settle on far more modest retirement hopes — whether it is simply staying put or finding a place where their retirement income and savings go further.

These questions are complicated by the some of the existential questions facing the state: affordability, climate change and healthcare.

People over 65 are California’s fastest-growing age group, which means more seniors in the state are thinking about where to spend their retirement years.

While many younger residents [have fled](#), the state’s senior population is projected to grow by nearly 3 million between 2021 and 2030, according to the [Department of Finance](#).

The Times set out to rank 367 California cities in terms of fitness for retirement. The rankings were modeled for middle-income Californians willing to relocate within the state.

This is a decidedly subjective list, and it might not be for everyone. After all, each retirement dream is unique. Each location on the list has pros and cons — and none might be as nice as living your golden years exactly where you are, around family and friends, near the parks, churches, Ralphs and Starbucks you find so familiar.

Our analysis prioritized and gave similar weighting to four main factors:

- **Climate:** the number of days of extreme heat expected per year, based on projections for 2035 to 2064
- **Health and wellness:** a health index combining dozens of factors, including air quality, access to transportation and proportion of adults with health insurance — though not direct access to hospitals
- **Recreation:** the proportion of residents who have a park, beach or open space greater than 1 acre within a half-mile of their home
- **Affordability:** typical home prices and rental costs in the city

Because of these factors, many of our retirement spots are off the the beaten path, situated in less populated areas where housing prices are lower than in metro areas. They also leaned into cooler locations, given how climate change is causing extreme heat waves and posing health risks, particularly for older folks.

The rankings

1. Eureka, Humboldt County

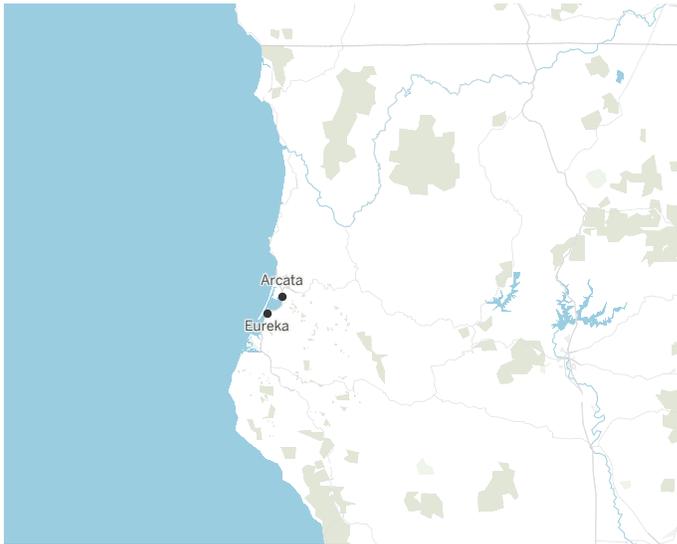
The biggest city on California's North Coast, with a population of about 30,000

Climate: 0 annual days above 100 degrees expected, 2035-2064 (1st percentile of 367 cities)

Health and wellness: Ranks around average (top 50% of all cities) in the health index

Recreation: Above average (top 20%) in access to parks — over 90% of people live within half-mile of nearest park, beach or open space

Affordability: Typical home value: \$419,000; typical rent for a single-family residence: \$1,516



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1. Arcata, Humboldt County (tied with Eureka)

A college town a few miles from Eureka, home to Cal Poly Humboldt

Climate: 0 annual days above 100 degrees expected

Health and wellness: Above average (top 40% of all cities) in health index

Recreation: Excellent (top 10%) in park access — over 95% of people live within half-mile of nearest park, beach or open space

Affordability: Typical home value: \$510,000; typical rent: \$1,700

PROS: Coastal location, cooler temperatures, relatively affordable housing, close to breathtaking nature and beaches.

CONS: Far from any big cities. A drive from Los Angeles would take nearly 11 hours, and that is without any traffic (good luck with that!).



Arcata is home to Cal Poly Humboldt. (Myung J. Chun / Los Angeles Times)

3. Benicia, Solano County

An exurb along the Carquinez Strait nestled in the outer Bay Area

Climate: 11 annual days above 100 degrees expected

Health and wellness: Excellent (top 10% of all cities) in health index

Recreation: Excellent (top 10%) in park access — over 95% of people live within half-mile of nearest park, beach or open space

Affordability: Typical home value: \$820,000; typical rent: \$2,406



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PROS: Moderate climate, access to wilderness and the San Joaquin river, and relatively close to Bay Area population centers, wine country and Sacramento.

CONS: Traffic, adjacent to sky-high Bay Area housing and living costs. Still a hike to many destinations.

4. Big Bear Lake, San Bernardino County

A mountain resort town within a relatively short drive of Los Angeles

Climate: 0 annual days above 100 degrees expected

Health and wellness: Above average (top 40% of all cities) in health index

Recreation: Average (top 50%) in park access — over two-thirds of people live within half-mile of nearest park, beach or open space

Affordability: Typical home value: \$587,000; typical rent: \$2,000



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PROS: Glorious mountain location, perfect for hikes, water sports and skiing. Alpine feel but less than an hour to suburbia and less than two hours from Los Angeles.

CONS: May be a bit isolated, especially for those who move to homes outside of downtown Big Bear. Snow storms, mudslides and wildfires are a constant danger.

5. Signal Hill, Los Angeles County

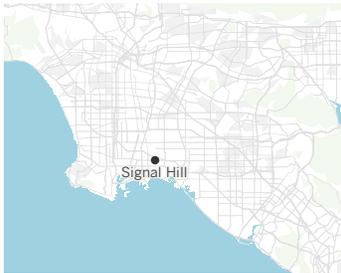
A hilly, 2.2 square mile town of 11,000 residents, surrounded by the city of Long Beach

Climate: 4 annual days above 100 degrees expected

Health and wellness: Above average (top 40% of all cities) in health index

Recreation: Excellent (top 10%) in park access — over 95% of people live within half-mile of nearest park, beach or open space

Affordability: Typical home value: \$792,000; typical rent: \$2,082



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PROS: Central location, great views of the harbor and city, and close to beaches, marinas and attractions such as downtown Long Beach, Belmont Shores and Bixby Knolls.

CONS: Small, compact location and not far from industry, including the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles. Still some oil fields nearby.

6. Fair Oaks, Sacramento County

A tony Sacramento suburb overlooking the American River and parkland

Climate: 56 annual days above 100 degrees expected

Health and wellness: Very good (top 15% of all cities) in health index

Recreation: Good (top 40%) in park access — over 80% of people live within half-mile of nearest park, beach or open space

Affordability: Typical home value: \$616,000; typical rent: \$1,992



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PROS: Access to nature with nearby Sacramento River, plenty of open space and parks.

CONS: Exposure to extreme heat with changing climate, relatively expensive for the area.

7. Crescent City, Del Norte County

The last major California coastal city before hitting Oregon

Climate: 0 annual days above 100 degrees expected

Health and wellness: Poor (bottom 20% of all cities) in health index

Recreation: Good (top 40%) in park access — over 75% of people live within half-mile of nearest park, beach or open space

Affordability: Typical home value: \$361,000; typical rent: \$1,500



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PROS: Much lower cost of living than most California cities, easy access to redwood forests and the Pacific Ocean.

CONS: Extremely remote by California standards, with few attractions compared with most urban and suburban areas. Faces seismic and tsunami danger.

8. Grass Valley, Nevada County

A Sierra mountain town with Gold Rush history, long a popular retirement destination

Climate: 19 annual days above 100 degrees expected

Health and wellness: Below average (bottom 40% of all cities) in health index

Recreation: Around average (top 50%) in park access — around half of people live within half-mile of a park, beach or open space

Affordability: Typical home value: \$516,000; typical rent: \$1,737

PROS: Great location for hiking, skiing, camping and California history, with proximity to Lake Tahoe.

CONS: Cold, snowy winters (though some retirees prefer such conditions) and long distance from major cities. Fire danger.

9. Emeryville, Alameda County

The city between the Bay Bridge and Oakland has a suburban feel

Climate: 1 annual day above 100 degrees expected

Health and wellness: Excellent (top 10% of all cities) in health index

Recreation: Excellent (top 10%) in park access — over 95% of people live within half-mile of park, beach or open space

Affordability: Typical home value: \$524,000; typical rent: \$2,935

PROS: Proximity to population centers, workable public transit and access to San Francisco, Berkeley and Oakland. Good shopping options.

CONS: Often foggy, windy and cold, with exposure to Bay Area cost of living. Some consider it *too* suburban.

10. Belmont, San Mateo County

A small Silicon Valley/Peninsula suburb with superb ratings on health and quality-of-life factors

Climate: 2 annual days above 100 degrees expected

Health and wellness: Stellar (top 5% of all cities) in health index

Recreation: Very good (top 15%) in park access — over 90% of people live within half-mile of park, beach or open space

Affordability: Typical home value: \$2,145,000; typical rent: \$2,731

PROS: Access to Bay Area cities, excellent quality-of-life metrics such as schools and healthcare. Close to San Francisco airport.

CONS: High cost and exposure to Silicon Valley traffic.

Deciding on the best retirement destinations in California is a subjective and possibly foolhardy exercise. This analysis assumes that practical factors such as affordability are most salient, and that less tangible factors such as culture and entertainment are less important. Still, this ranking takes all those factors into consideration.

A highly personal choice

Though retirement preferences can vary greatly from person to person, those choosing a retirement locale would do well to accommodate change as they age, said Hal Hershfield, an associate professor at the UCLA Anderson School of Management.

Psychologically, “we don’t really know what our preferences are until we jump into something, and then they change,” he said. “Life is very different between 65 and 75 compared to 85 and 95,” so planning for retirement requires accommodation for flexibility.

Proximity to family is often a “huge factor” for retirees, he said. Additionally, “people start prioritizing emotionally meaningful goals” like a sense of community, he said, so moving far from home could be a challenge without an infrastructure for building connections.

There is “real diversity in health and well-being” for retirees, Hershfield said, noting that some people are sedentary at 65, and others are running marathons into their nineties.

With that in mind, we adjusted the rankings to emphasize two factors which might be of outsize importance to retirees: price and health.

Price-conscious retirees

Giving more weight to home prices and rental rates in California cities adds new cities to the list. Eureka and Arcata are still at the top of the list, but they are joined by smaller towns such as Coalinga (Fresno County), Oroville (Butte County), Ridgecrest (Kern County), Anderson (Shasta County) and Ukiah (Mendocino County).

Housing costs are an important factor for seniors, as more than 17 million (or roughly 1 in 3) adults over the age of 65 are economically insecure, with incomes below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level, according to the [National Council on Aging](#).

Climate and health

Prioritizing the health performance of each city — a metric informed by factors like access to parks, educational attainment, housing and much more — also yields a different outlook. This approach adds more expensive cities to the list, including Albany (Alameda County), Sausalito (Marin County), Burlingame (San Mateo County), Walnut Creek (Contra Costa County), Larkspur (Marin County), San Carlos (San Mateo County) and Alameda.

The top city in this ranking, though, is still Eureka.

High temperatures also factor into health. Heatwaves are most harmful to seniors and children, according to the [California Department of Public Health](#). A September 2022 heat wave killed about 500 Californians, excess mortality analysis from the department revealed.

This analysis was based on data from the California Healthy Places Index, a metric devised by the [Public Health Alliance of Southern California](#).

Paradise out of reach

As a final exercise, we used our data analysis to examine the most inaccessible places to retire.

It yielded some surprising results. Who would not want to spend their golden years with Oprah, Harry and Meghan in Montecito, or on the sand in Malibu, or a day of hiking and golf in Rancho Santa Fe?

But those places ranked very low on their list because of sky-high prices and issues around climate change (such as fire risk and coastal erosion).

The bottom five cities were mostly in Southern California with high housing costs, making it far too expensive for a typical California retiree:

- **La Cañada Flintridge, Los Angeles County** — *a quiet L.A. suburb in nearby foothills with pricey homes*
— 17 annual days above 100 degrees expected; top 10% in health index; top 40% in park access; typical home value: \$2,333,000; typical rent: \$4,596
- **Palos Verdes Estates, Los Angeles County** — *a coastal community within reach of L.A.*
— 0 annual days above 100 degrees expected; top 5% in health index; top 5% in park access; typical home value: \$2,706,000; typical rent: \$6,882
- **Montecito, Santa Barbara County** — *an exclusive beach locale near Santa Barbara*
— 0 annual days above 100 degrees expected; top 10% in health index; bottom 40% in park access; typical home value: \$4,921,000; typical rent: \$9,400
- **Rancho Santa Fe, San Diego County** — *affluent community north of San Diego*
— 12 annual days above 100 degrees expected; top 20% in health index; bottom 20% in park access; typical home value: \$4,198,000; typical rent: \$14,291
- **Malibu, Los Angeles County** — *a famously luxurious beach town north of Los Angeles*
— 2 annual days above 100 degrees expected; top 10% in health index; top 40% in park access; typical home value: \$3,402,000; typical rent: \$15,739

Glossary of metrics: The extreme heat data come from the [California Healthy Places Index: Extreme Heat Edition](#). It relies on a projection of the state's climate from 2035 to 2064. The percentile listed for health index is taken directly from the HPI, an index combining 23 variables for each city, including the park access metric, which was taken from the [HPI data set](#). The typical home values come from [Zillow's Home Value Index](#) for all residences and reflect the 35th to 65th percentile. The typical rent values come from Zillow's Observed Rent Index, which estimates the average of all rental properties in an area, listed and rented.

More to Read

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Sept. 16, 2024



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Aug. 21, 2024



12 great beaches in Southern California beloved by locals

Aug. 1, 2024



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TO:

**HONORABLE CHAIR
AND MEMBERS OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

FROM:

**YVETTE E. AGUILAR
PARKS, RECREATION AND LIBRARY SERVICES DIRECTOR**

SUBJECT:

REVIEW OF COMMISSION REVOLVING OBJECTIVES

Summary:

Each month staff will provide an update on various actions taken regarding items identified on the Commission Revolving objectives.

Strategic Plan Goal(s):

Goal No. 5 Strengthen internal communication, recruitment, retention, systems, and processes to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of City services.

Recommendation:

Update, receive, and file report.

Background:

Each year, the Commission reviews their revolving objectives and status. Attachment A is the most recent list with a status report following each item. This will provide an ongoing status update for Commissioners regarding goals that were approved by the Commission in July 2024.

Approved:

Yvette E. Aguilar

City of Signal Hill
Parks and Recreation Commission
Revolving Goals
FY 2024-2025
Updated October 9, 2024

Goal	Status	Timeline (if applicable)	Strategic Plan Goal(s)
Planning			
Provide input on the acquisition of outdoor art for the SH Public Library. <i>(Previous Revolving Objective)</i>	Ongoing	As appropriate, as funding is available.	Goal No. 4 Infrastructure Goal No. 5 High-Functioning Government
Provide feedback on the use of the newly constructed parks in Signal Hill. <i>(P&RMP Goal 1.2: Maintain and improve existing facilities, parks, trails, and open spaces.)</i>	Ongoing	As appropriate, as funding is available.	Goal No. 4 Infrastructure Goal No. 5 High-Functioning Government
Policy			
Provide input on the process for community services to receive feedback and document community requests for new amenities/changes to current parks and recreation facilities. <i>(PIP, 2B: Policy)</i>	Pending		Goal No. 4 Infrastructure Goal No. 5 High-Functioning Government
Provide input on the policy for Private Instruction on parks and fields. <i>(PIP, 2C: Policy)</i>	Pending		Goal No. 2 Community Safety Goal No. 5 High-Functioning Government
Provide input and on the Indoor and Outdoor Rental Policies. <i>(PIP, 2A: Policy)</i>	Pending		Goal No. 5 High-Functioning Government
Programs			
Provide recommendations for programming.	Ongoing	As appropriate, as funding is available.	Goal No. 5 High-Functioning Government
Capital Projects			
Participate in the Grand Opening of the redesigned Hillbrook Park	Pending	December	Goal No. 4 Infrastructure Goal No. 5 High-Functioning Government
Provide input on schedule park improvement projects. <i>(P&RMP Goal 1.2: Maintain and improve existing facilities, parks, trails, and open spaces.)</i>	Ongoing	As appropriate, as funding is available.	Goal No. 4 Infrastructure Goal No. 5 High-Functioning Government
Through Park Assignment presentations, provide recommendations on future park improvements for consideration.	Ongoing	As appropriate, as funding is available.	Goal No. 4 Infrastructure Goal No. 5 High-Functioning Government

2023-2028 Strategic Plan Goals

- Goal No. 1 Financial Stability: Ensure the City's long-term financial stability and resilience.
- Goal No. 2 Community Safety: Maintain community safety by supporting public safety services and increasing emergency preparedness.
- Goal No. 3 Economic Development: Improve the local economy, support local businesses, and create a vibrant downtown core.
- Goal No. 4 Infrastructure: Maintain and improve the City's physical infrastructure, water system, and recreational spaces.
- Goal No. 5 High-Functioning Government: Strengthen internal communication, recruitment, retention, systems, and processes to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of City services.



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FROM:

**YVETTE E. AGUILAR
PARKS, RECREATION AND LIBRARY SERVICES DIRECTOR**

SUBJECT:

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Summary:

Regular Meeting of September 18, 2024.

Strategic Plan Goal(s):

Goal No. 5 Strengthen internal communication, recruitment, retention, systems, and processes to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of City services.

Recommendation:

Approve the meeting minutes.



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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING SIGNAL HILL PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION September 18, 2024

A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill Parks and Recreation Commission was held in-person in the Council Chamber on September 18, 2024.

(1) **CALL TO ORDER – 6:02 P.M.**

(2) **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: CHAIR TIM ANHORN
VICE CHAIR LINDA EDWARDS
COMMISSIONER PAM DUTCH HUGHES
COMMISSIONER KIRAN GIDWANI
COMMISSIONER CAROLINE KISS-LEE

ABSENT: NONE

(3) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

(4) **PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THIS AGENDA**

(5) **PRESENTATION(S)**

- a. CITY LIBRARIAN CHARLES HUGHES WILL GIVE A PRESENTATION ON THE 2024 SUMMER READING PROGRAM.
- b. RECREATION COORDINATOR AZUREE STRUIKSMA WILL PROVIDE A PRESENTATION OF THE 2024 SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR THE PARKS, RECREATION AND LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

(6) **DISCUSSION ITEM(S)**

- a. SELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS TO ATTEND THE 2025 CALIFORNIA PARKS & RECREATION SOCIETY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Commissioner Dutch Hughes departed at 6:23 p.m.

It was moved by CHAIR ANHORN and seconded by COMMISSIONER GIDWANI, to approve the attendance of Commissioner Gidwani and Commissioner Dutch Hughes for the 2025 CPRS Conference.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: CHAIR ANHORN
VICE CHAIR EDWARDS
COMMISSIONER GIDWANI
COMMISSIONER KISS-LEE

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COMMISSIONER DUTCH HUGHES

ABSTAIN: NONE

b. PET OF THE MONTH NOMINATIONS

It was moved by VICE CHAIR EDWARDS and seconded by COMMISSIONER GIDWANI, to vote Hunter as the September Pet of the Month.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: CHAIR ANHORN
VICE CHAIR EDWARDS
COMMISSIONER GIDWANI
COMMISSIONER KISS-LEE

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COMMISSIONER DUTCH HUGHES

ABSTAIN: NONE

c. DIRECTOR'S REPORT - UPDATES ON CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS, PARK PROJECTS, AND PROGRAMS

It was moved by COMMISSIONER GIDWANI and seconded by CHAIR ANHORN, to receive and file.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: CHAIR ANHORN
VICE CHAIR EDWARDS
COMMISSIONER GIDWANI
COMMISSIONER KISS-LEE

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: COMMISSIONER DUTCH HUGHES

ABSTAIN: NONE

(7) CONSENT CALENDAR

Chair Anhorn requested pulling Consent Calendar item 7a.

- b. CIVIC CENTER MASTER PLAN ADOPTION UPDATE
- c. REVIEW OF COMMISSION REVOLVING OBJECTIVES
- d. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by VICE CHAIR EDWARDS and seconded by COMMISSIONER GIDWANI, to approve Consent Calendar items 7b through 7d.

The following vote resulted:

- AYES: CHAIR ANHORN
VICE CHAIR EDWARDS
COMMISSIONER GIDWANI
COMMISSIONER KISS-LEE
- NOES: NONE
- ABSENT: COMMISSIONER DUTCH HUGHES
- ABSTAIN: NONE

- a. FEE WAIVER REQUEST FOR LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

It was moved by COMMISSIONER KISS-LEE and seconded by VICE CHAIR EDWARDS, to approve.

The following vote resulted:

- AYES: CHAIR ANHORN
VICE CHAIR EDWARDS
COMMISSIONER GIDWANI
COMMISSIONER KISS-LEE
- NOES: NONE
- ABSENT: COMMISSIONER DUTCH HUGHES
- ABSTAIN: NONE

(8) COMMISSION NEW BUSINESS

Vice Chair Edwards suggested more programs for babies, toddlers and new parents as a way for them to meet new people

Chair Anhorn suggested adjusting the March meeting date due to the CPRS Conference. Stated the Model T Hill Climb event was a unique feature of the hill.

(9) ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by COMMISSIONER KISS-LEE and seconded by VICE CHAIR EDWARDS to adjourn tonight's meeting to the next regular meeting of the Signal Hill Parks and Recreation Commission to be held on Wednesday, October 16, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, CA 90755.

The following vote resulted:

AYES:	CHAIR ANHORN VICE CHAIR EDWARDS COMMISSIONER GIDWANI COMMISSIONER KISS-LEE
NOES:	NONE
ABSENT:	COMMISSIONER DUTCH HUGHES
ABSTAIN:	NONE

CHAIR ANHORN adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

TIM ANHORN
CHAIR

Attest:

YVETTE E. AGUILAR
COMMISSION SECRETARY