



Regular Meeting Agenda

Parks and Recreation Commission

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**Tuesday, September 15, 2026
7:00 PM**

**Council Chamber
17555 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA 95037**

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

DECLARATION OF POSTING AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT

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RECOGNITIONS

PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR REPORT

1. **PSD Report**

Recommendation:
Recieve report.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

BUSINESS

1. **Parks and Recreation Master Plan Review and Scoping Meeting for Plan Update**

Recommendation:

1. Receive review of 2017 Bikeways, Trails, Parks and Recreation Master Plan;
2. Take comments from the public on the scope for the update to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan; and
3. Provide feedback on the scope of the Plan update.

2. **Accept Minutes from August 18, 2026 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting**

Recommendation:
Accept Minutes from August 18, 2026 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting.

3. **Halloween Haunt and Holiday Lights Events Update**

Recommendation:
Receive update.

4. **Review Proposed Marty Cheek Recognition Plan for Nob Hill Trail Park**

Recommendation:
Approve proposed recognition locations for Marty Cheek at the Nob Hill Trail Park.

5. **Commission Work Plan Updates**

Recommendation:
Provide Work Plan updates.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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Parks & Recreation Commission Public Services Director Report

Announcements

- CRC 20th Anniversary Event is Saturday, October 10th. Main Ceremony at 10am. There will also be a 10k/5k Run and Walk starting at 8am, for which registration is now open.
- The new Butterfield Park will be opening for a soft opening on October 1. We will do an opening celebration following completion of the BMX track which is expected to be finished in the next 3 months.
- Work on converting the trail dog park to a permanent dog park will commence over the next two months. The City has received sponsorship for our dog parks from:
 - Mohi Farm
 - Belt Fed Kennel Supply and Confident Canines Academy
 - Air4Paws

Calendar of Upcoming Items

September 2026

Every Tuesday, September 1st – 22nd:

- [Youth Karate: Lil' Dragons Karate](#)
 - Ages 4-8
 - Time: 4:30 PM
 - Where: Centennial Recreation Center Multi-Purpose Room
(171 West Edmundson Ave, Morgan Hill, CA 95037)
- [Youth Karate: Kempo Karate](#)
 - Ages 6-12
 - Time: 5:00 PM
 - Where: Centennial Recreation Center Multi-Purpose Room
(171 West Edmundson Ave, Morgan Hill, CA 95037)
- [Youth Karate: Kempo Karate](#)
 - Ages 10 and up
 - Time: 5:45 PM
 - Where: Centennial Recreation Center Multi-Purpose Room
(171 West Edmundson Ave, Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Every Wednesday, September 2nd – 30th:

- [Teen Adaptive Hangout](#)
 - Teens 6th-12th grade
 - Time: 4 pm to 6 pm
 - Where: Centennial Recreation Center's Teen Center
(171 West Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Every Saturday, September 5th -26th:

- [Open Gym at the CRC, Multi Agency Partner Program](#)
 - For students 6th-12th grade.
 - Time: 4:30 PM – 8:30 PM
 - Where: Morgan Hill Centennial Recreation Center
(171 West Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Every Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, September 7th – 30th:

- [Adaptive Programming: Indoor Play for Kids](#)
 - Ages: 0-5 years old.
 - Time: Mon/Wed 12pm-2pm, Fri 2:30-5:30pm, Sat 10:30am-12pm
 - Where: Community and Cultural Center Machado Room
(17000 Monterey Road, Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Every Monday & Wednesday, September 7th – 28th:

- [Intro to Water Polo](#)
 - Ages: 7-18
 - Time: 5pm-6pm
 - Where: Morgan Hill Aquatics Center
(16200 Condit Road, Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Every Monday – Saturday, September 7th – 30th:

- [Kids' Indoor Play Space](#)
 - Ages: 0-5 years old.
 - Time: Mon-Thu 8:30am-12pm, 2pm-7pm, Fri 8:30am-2:30pm, Sat 8:30am-10:30am
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Every Tuesday, September 8th – 29th:

- [Bingo at the Community & Cultural Center](#)
 - Time: Doors open at 4:30 PM; Early Bird at 5:45 PM; Regular Games at 6:30 PM
 - Where: Morgan Hill Community & Cultural Center
(17000 Monterey Rd., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Every Tuesday, September 8th – 29th:

- [Adults 50+ Beginning Drawing and Watercolor Class](#)
 - Register in advance
 - Time: 1-3 pm
 - Where: Centennial Recreation Center's Multi-Purpose Room
(171 West Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Tuesday, September 8th & 22nd:

- [Adaptive Adult Hangout \(14+\)](#)
 - Time: 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM
 - Where: Centennial Recreation Center's Teen Center
(171 West Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Every Wednesday, September 9th – 30th:

- [Co-ed Competitive Volleyball League](#)
 - Must be registered.
 - Time: 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM
 - Where: Morgan Hill Centennial Recreation Center
(171 West Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Every Thursday, September 10th – 24th:

- [Youth Special Interest: Tot Tap Classes](#)
 - Time: 3:30 PM
 - Where: Morgan Hill Community & Cultural Center
(17000 Monterey St, Morgan Hill, CA 95037)
- [Youth Special Interest: Youth Tap I](#)
 - Time: 4:05 PM
 - Where: Morgan Hill Community & Cultural Center
(17000 Monterey St, Morgan Hill, CA 95037)
- [Youth Special Interest: Youth Tap II](#)
 - Time: 5:00 PM
 - Where: Morgan Hill Community & Cultural Center
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- [Adult Tap II – Beginner/Advanced](#)
 - Ages 18 and up
 - Time: 6pm-7pm
 - Where: Morgan Hill Community & Cultural Center
(17000 Monterey St, Morgan Hill, CA 95037)
- [Adult Tap III – Intermediate/Advanced](#)
 - Time: 7:10pm-8:10pm
 - Where: Morgan Hill Community & Cultural Center
(171 West Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Friday, September 11th:

- [Adaptive Special Event: Scavenger Hunt](#)
 - Register in advance
 - Time: 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
 - Where: Community Park Stage BBQ Area
(171 West Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Saturday, September 12th:

- [Parks & Recreation Offers Ball Hockey](#)
 - Register in advance
 - Time: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
 - Where: Morgan Hill Community & Cultural Center
(17000 Monterey Road, Morgan Hill, CA 95037)
- [Morgan Hill Cleanup](#)
 - Time: 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
 - Where: Morgan Hill Community & Cultural Center, Parking Lot
(17000 Monterey Road, Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Saturday, September 12th - 13th:

- [Parks & Recreation Family Overnight Camping](#)
 - Register in advance
 - Time: 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
 - Where: Community Park Baseball Fields
(171 West Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Every Monday, September 14th – 24th:

- [Recreational Basketball Combo League](#)
 - Must be registered.
 - Time: 5:30 PM – 9:30 PM
 - Where: Morgan Hill Centennial Recreation Center
(171 West Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)
- [Adult Tap I - Basic](#)
 - Ages 18 and up
 - Time: 5-6pm PM
 - Where: Morgan Hill Community & Cultural Center
(171 West Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)
- [Adult Tap IV – Advanced](#)
 - Ages 18 and up
 - Time: 6:05pm-7:05pm
 - Where: Morgan Hill Community & Cultural Center

(171 West Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Saturday, September 19th:

- [Morgan Hill Cleanup](#)
 - Time: 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
 - Where: Cochrane Rd. / 101 Highway / Madrone Channel.
 - Meet at the entrance to Madrone Channel across from Dick's Sporting Goods

Saturday, September 26th:

- [Parent's Night Out](#)
 - Must be registered.
 - Time: 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM
 - Where: Morgan Hill Centennial Recreation Center
(171 West Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Every Day in September:

- [Senior Center Activities](#)
 - Senior Center Monthly Newsletter lists out every activity, date/time, and room.
 - Time: Varies (Senior Center is open 9AM-3PM)
 - Where: Centennial Recreation Center's Senior Center
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October 2026

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Saturday, October 3rd, 17th & 31st:

- [Morgan Hill Cleanup](#)
 - Time: 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
 - Location: Check Webpage

Every Saturday, October 3rd – 31st:

- [Open Gym at the CRC, Multi Agency Partner Program](#)
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(17000 Monterey Road, Morgan Hill, CA 95020)

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Every Wednesday, October 7th – 28th:

- [Movies with Grant](#)
 - Register in advance
 - Time: 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM
 - Where: Community & Cultural Playhouse
(20 E 5th St., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

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 - Time: 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM
 - Where: Morgan Hill Centennial Recreation Center
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Saturday, October 10th:

- [Centennial Recreation Center 20 Years Celebration](#)
 - Time: All Day
 - Where: Centennial Recreation Center
(171 West Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)
- [Spooktacular Halloween & 5th Annual Community Dance](#)
 - Time: 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM
 - Where: Magical Bridge Playground
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Tuesday, October 13th & 27th:

- [Adaptive Adult Hangout \(14+\)](#)
 - Time: 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM
 - Where: Centennial Recreation Center's Teen Center
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Friday, October 16th:

- [Adaptive Halloween Dance](#)
 - Ages 12+
 - Time: 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
 - Where: Centennial Recreation Multipurpose Room
(171 West Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Saturday, October 17th:

- [Parent's Night Out](#)
 - Must be registered.
 - Time: 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM
 - Where: Morgan Hill Centennial Recreation Center
(171 West Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Sunday, October 25th:

- [Day of The Dead Celebration & Group Walk](#)
 - Time: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
 - Where: Magical Bridge Playground
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Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update Scoping Meeting

Parks and Recreation Commission
September 15, 2025



Purpose of the Meeting

- Receive review of 2017 Plan
- Receive Update on Progress of Current Master Plan
- Receive Public Feedback on Scope for Master Plan Update
- Provide staff with feedback on the Scope for Update to Master Plan



2017 Bikeways, Trails, Parks and Recreation Master Plan Review

2017 Master Plan Overview

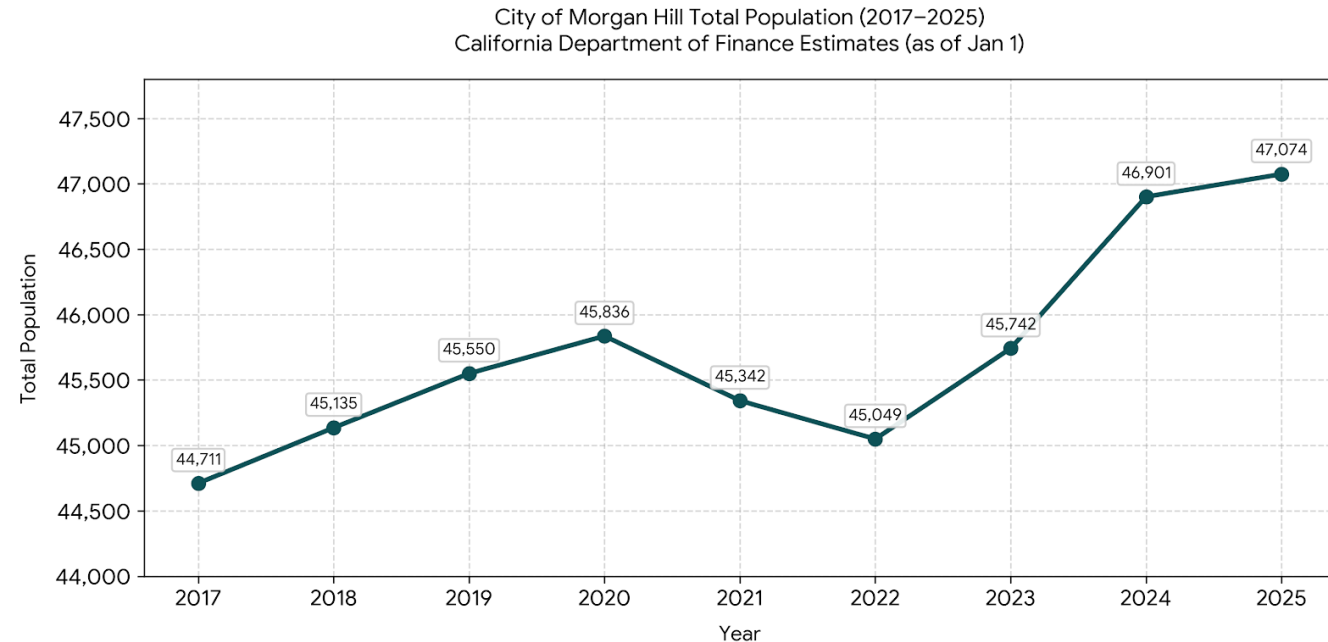
- Adopted July 20, 2017 as the Bikeways, Trails, Parks and Recreation Master Plan
- Served as a implementation tool for the Morgan Hill 2035 General Plan
- Unified separate planning efforts into one coordinated document
- Established the City's long-term baseline for parkland, trail links, and recreation facilities

Changes Since 2017

- Recent Transportation Master Plan Update included Bikeways Planning
- Continued reduction of operational and Capital funding for Parks and Recreation maintenance.
 - Residential Development Control System Funding
 - Redevelopment Agency Funding
- Public Private Park Opportunities
- State Legislation on Housing and type of growth Morgan Hill has seen.

Changes Since 2017

- Population Growth



- Increase in older adult population percentage
- Decrease in youth population percentage
- This demographic shift is expected to continue

Master Plan Document Structure

- Chapter 1: Introduction, community context, and regulatory framework
- Chapter 2: Asset inventory, existing conditions, and needs assessment
- Chapter 3: Vision, core principles, and strategic goals
- Chapter 4: System policies, capital project recommendations, and Level of Service
- Chapter 5: Implementation, project phasing, funding strategies, and operating models

Existing Conditions & Asset Inventory (Ch. 2)

- Audited neighborhood, community, and regional park assets across the city
- Highlighted major regional civic facilities: CRC, Aquatics Center, and Outdoor Sports Center
- Assessed park acres per 1,000 residents against City Level of Service standards
- Identified major east-west connectivity barriers: Highway 101, Monterey Road, and railroad tracks

Community Needs & Outreach Takeaways (Ch. 2)

- High public demand for connected off-street walking, running, and biking trails
- Need for updated park amenities: shade structures, modern restrooms, and inclusive play
- Community requests for dedicated court space, particularly pickleball and tennis resurfacing
- Broad support for youth sports tourism paired with preserved neighborhood park access

Core Vision & Strategic Goals (Ch. 3)

- Connectivity: Seamless trails linking neighborhoods, downtown, schools, and parks
- Health & Wellness: Inclusive, multi-generational recreational programming and amenities
- Stewardship: Sustainable landscaping, water efficiency, and open space conservation
- Economic Vitality: Leveraging regional sports tourism to benefit local businesses and community funds
- Maintenance Sustainability: Ensuring capital additions have viable long-term maintenance funding

Parks & Open Space Policies (Ch. 4)

- Established classifications: Pocket Parks, Neighborhood Parks, and Community Parks
- Maintained the 1/2-mile (10-minute walk) neighborhood service shed standard
- Prioritized universal accessibility and all-inclusive playground equipment
- Promoted native, drought-tolerant landscaping and stormwater bioswales in park retrofits

Major Recreational Facilities (Ch. 4)

- Centennial Recreation Center: Continued partnership model with YMCA of Silicon Valley
- Aquatics Center: Lifecycle facility maintenance, event hosting, and expanded year-round programming
- Outdoor Sports Center: High-demand tournament play balancing local league access
- Condit Road Commercial / Sports Corridor: Integrated sports tourism and recreational synergy

Bikeways & Trails Framework (Ch. 4)

- Defined network classifications: Class I (Multi-Use Trails) through Class IV (Separated Bikeways)
- Focused on primary trail corridors: West Little Llagas Creek, Madrone Channel, and Butterfield
- Coordinated regional trail connections to Santa Clara County Parks and Henry W. Coe State Park
- Standardized trail design, mileage markers, wayfinding signage, and trailhead staging

Key Park Concepts & Improvements (Ch. 4)

- Community Park: Tennis resurfacing/pickleball integration, parking, and turf upgrades
- Galvan Park & Nordstrom Park: Playground modernizations, fitness zones, and shade additions
- Borello School/Park Site: Coordinated joint-use development with MHUSD
- Nature Access: Advancing public access initiatives for El Toro and Silveira Lake

Implementation & Phasing (Ch. 5)

- Structured projects across Tier 1 (Immediate), Tier 2 (Mid-Term), and Tier 3 (Long-Term) pipelines
- Balanced investments between deferred maintenance/safety upgrades and new facility development
- Updated development review criteria for Quimby Act land dedications vs. in-lieu fees
- Tracked performance targets: bikeway miles built, trail gaps closed, and park equity maintained

Funding Mechanisms & Partnerships (Ch. 5)

- Capital Funding: Park Impact Fees, Quimby Act dedications, and local CIP investments
- External Grants: State/Federal programs (Active Transportation Program, LWCF, Prop 68)
- Inter-Agency Collaboration: Joint-use opportunities with MHUSD and Valley Water
- Public-Private Partnerships: Commercial operations and sports organizations supporting upkeep

Project Updates

Project Updates

Natural Surface Trail: El Toro Trails

- Scope: Parking lot/trailhead acquisition and trail development
- Time Frame: 0–10 years
- Status: Not complete

County Parks & Water District Partnership Trails

- Scope: Madrone Channel Trail extension (Cochrane Rd to Burnett Ave), Coyote Creek Trail (Malaguerra Staging Area to Burnett Staging Area), and Burnett Ave trail
- Time Frame: 0–10 years
- Status: Not complete; dirt road available, but improvements not complete

Project Updates

Multi-Use Trail: Downtown Hilltop Trail

- Scope: Connecting Del Monte Ave to the water tower and Hale Ave
- Time Frame: 5–10 years
- Status: Complete

Multi-Use Trail: Live Oak High to Madrone Channel

- Scope: Live Oak High School to the Madrone Channel Trail
- Time Frame: 5–10 years
- Status: Not complete

Project Updates

Multi-Use Trail: Silveira Park Trail

- Scope: Around Atherton Way Hidden Pond with pedestrian bridges
- Time Frame: 0–5 years
- Status: Partially complete; trails south to lake complete, trails around lake not complete (in planning)

Downtown Parks Development

- Scope: Railroad Park, Third Street Creek Park, and Nob Hill Trail Park
- Time Frame: 0–5 years
- Status: Complete

Project Updates

Galvan Park Improvements

- Scope: Improve handball courts and lighting
- Time Frame: 0–5 years
- Status: Complete

Community Garden Relocation

- Scope: Relocate Community Garden
- Time Frame: 0–5 years
- Status: Complete

Project Updates

Borello School Park (Joint Use)

- Scope: Peet Road future school site development (joint use with the School District)
- Time Frame: 0–10 years
- Status: Not complete; school not constructed

Inclusive Playground: Community Park

- Scope: Develop Inclusive Playground at Community Park
- Time Frame: 0–5 years
- Status: Complete

Project Updates

New Community Park: East of Hwy 101

- Scope: Land bank and develop new Community Park (approximately 10 acres east of Hwy 101)
- Time Frame: Acquire land: 5–10 years; Construction: 10+ years
- Status: Not complete

New Recreational Open Space: El Toro Mountain

- Scope: Acquire new recreational open space on the East Side of El Toro Mountain
- Time Frame: 0–10 years
- Status: Partially complete; some property purchased

Project Updates

New Restrooms: Nordstrom Park & Paradise Park

- Scope: Construct new restrooms
- Time Frame: 5–10 years
- Status: Not complete; no increased maintenance funding

New Small Community Parks (4–6 Acres)

- Scope: Acquire land and develop two new parks (Northwest sector and west of Hwy 101 between Dunne Rd and Barrett Rd)
- Time Frame: Northwest sector: 0–5 years; West of Hwy 101: 10+ years
- Status: Northwest sector complete via publicly accessible private park at Vida Central Park; Butterfield Park will open in coming month.

Project Updates

Nordstrom Park / School Improvements

- Scope: Improve loop trail, play structures, shade, and fitness equipment per School District JUA
- Time Frame: 0–5 years
- Status: Not completed; District no longer interested in public access due to safety concerns

Off-Leash Dog Area

- Scope: Add one dedicated off-leash dog area (Location TBD)
- Time Frame: 0–10 years
- Status: To be constructed downtown in coming months.

Project Updates

Enhance Play Environments

- Scope: Upgrade play environments across small and large areas
- Time Frame: 0–10 years
- Status: Partially completed; Galvan Park improvements executed. Plan for improved Jackson Park Elements with new development.

Shade Structures

- Scope: Install permanent shade structures across park facilities
- Time Frame: 0–20 years
- Status: Partially completed; complete at Community Park; shade from solar installed at Nordstrom Park and for Magical Bridge

Project Updates

Tennis & Pickleball Courts

- Scope: Add courts striped for both tennis and pickleball at Community Park/Corporation yard
- Time Frame: 5–10 years
- Status: Complete; constructed separate dedicated Pickleball Courts and shared with basketball courts

New Recreational Open Space: East Foothills

- Scope: Acquire open space in foothills east of Hill Rd and north of E Dunne Ave
- Time Frame: 10+ years
- Status: Not completed; RDCS funds for Open Space no longer available.

Project Updates

Increase Parking: Aquatic Center & OSC

- Scope: Expand parking capacity at the Aquatics Center and Outdoor Sports Center
- Time Frame: 0–5 years
- Status: Complete

Centennial Recreation Center Expansion

- Scope: Facility building expansion
- Time Frame: 0–5 years
- Status: Complete

Project Updates

Villa Mira Monte Improvements (Phase 1)

- Scope: Phase 1 parking and landscape improvements
- Time Frame: 0–5 years
- Status: In design, near completion

Outdoor Sports Center Improvements (Phase 1)

- Scope: Phase 1 sidewalk, lights, irrigation, restrooms, and turf replacement
- Time Frame: 0–5 years
- Status: Partially complete; turf replaced, lights added to 3 fields, upgraded irrigation on southern fields, main path/sidewalk added

Project Updates

Sand Volleyball Complex

- Scope: Feasibility analysis and construction of sand volleyball complex
- Time Frame: 0–10 years
- Status: Feasibility analysis completed; not recommended until partner has funds to develop. Condit Road Sports Facilities Master Plan includes option. Annexation application of additional City property in progress.

Villa Mira Monte Improvements (Phase 2)

- Scope: Phase 2 new buildings and further site improvements
- Time Frame: 10+ years
- Status: Concept design complete; funding for Phase 1 only available

Project Updates

Preschool Expansion: CCC

- Scope: Expand preschool facilities at Community and Cultural Center
- Time Frame: 0–5 years
- Status: Not complete; changes in TK offerings from Schools eliminates need.

Baseball / Softball Complex

- Scope: Develop complex in Southeast Quadrant (natural grass fields)
- Time Frame: 5–10 years
- Status: Property purchased at Monterey and Butterfield; Council elected to move from previous ball field property. Annexation application of additional City property in progress.

Project Updates

Solar Panel Installations at Recreation Facilities

- Scope: Install solar panel arrays at municipal recreation sites
- Time Frame: 0–10 years
- Status: Complete

Senior Service Center Expansion

- Scope: Feasibility analysis for potential programming, expansion area, and/or adjacent adult day care facility
- Time Frame: 5–10 years
- Status: Not complete

Project Updates

Gymnasium Capacity Expansion

- Scope: Construct gymnasium facility at school or City site
- Time Frame: 0–10 years
- Status: Not complete

Aquatic Capacity: CCC Splash Pad

- Scope: Re-activate splash pad at Community and Cultural Center
- Time Frame: 0–5 years
- Status: Complete

Project Updates

Aquatic Capacity: Aquatic Center Improvements

- Scope: Improvements to existing Aquatics Center
- Time Frame: 5–10 years
- Status: Planning complete with Condit Road Sports Facility Master Plan

New Community Center / Friendly Inn Repurposing

- Scope: Repurpose the Friendly Inn as a Community Center and relocate Non-Profit Center
- Time Frame: 10+ years
- Status: Partially complete; Friendly Inn now used by Boys and Girls Club; some non-profits housed at other City facilities; new non-profit at CCC will come online in next year.

Project Updates

Outdoor Sports Center Improvements (Phase 2)

- Scope: Phase 2: Add restaurant
- Time Frame: 5–10 years
- Status: Not completed, but included in Condit Road Sports Facility Master Plan

Scoping of Master Plan

Foundations for the Master Plan Update

- 2017 Plan established the modern framework for the City's parks and trail network
- Provided justification for recent capital improvements and trail expansions across town
- Serves as a starting point for tonight's discussion on scoping the new Master Plan update

Scope Considerations for Plan Update

- Integration into recently approved Transportation Master Plan – Remove Bikeway Planning while linking Trail Planning.
- Deep Dive in Older Adult Programs and Services – Older Adults Master Plan Subsection
- Operational Resource Constraint and Appropriate Capital Planning
- Prioritizing and Planning for Capital Renovation vs. New Development
- Review of Sports Tourism Opportunities to support cost recovery and economic development.

Commission Steps for Tonight

- Questions on the Plan and the Scope Development
- Take Public Comment and Feedback on the Scope for the Plan
- Provide Feedback on the Master Plan Scope



NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

Shape the Future of Morgan Hill's Parks, Trails, and Recreation!

PROJECT: Update to the City of Morgan Hill Parks and Recreation Master Plan

DATE & TIME: Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at 7:00 PM

LOCATION: City Council Chamber, 17555 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA 95037

WE WANT YOUR INPUT! What do you love about Morgan Hill's parks? Where do we need improved or new parks and walking trails? What new recreational facilities or programs would you like to see in our community? The City of Morgan Hill is updating its Bikeways, Trails, Parks, and Recreation Master Plan, and community vision is the heart of this effort. Whether you walk your dog in neighborhood parks, play local sports, or explore our open spaces, your voice is essential in deciding how we prioritize funding, upgrades, and park features for years to come.

Join us at the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on Tuesday, September 15, at 7:00 PM to share your ideas, highlight local needs, and help guide the future of our recreation system.

This meeting will be the start of the process which updates the City's Plan. We are specially looking to determine what components will be studied and reviewed as part of the Plan Update and your feedback on this will help the City craft and the scope of the for the consultant that will be hired to support this effort.

REVIEW THE CURRENT PLAN: Want to see where we started? You can review the existing Bikeways, Trails, Parks, and Recreation Master Plan online by visiting the City's project page:

<https://www.morganhill.ca.gov/1429/Master-Plan-for-Parks-Trails-and-Bikeway>

HOW TO GET INVOLVED & SHARE FEEDBACK:

Attend & Speak: Join us in person or virtually on September 15 at 7pm during the City's Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to share your vision directly with Commissioners and staff.

Submit Comments: Can't attend the meeting? We still want your input! Send your thoughts, suggestions, and feedback via email to chris.ghione@morganhill.ca.gov.

From: [Steve Adamo](#)
To: [Chris Ghione](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comments to Update of City of Morgan Hill Parks and Recreation Master Plan
Date: Thursday, August 20, 2026 2:10:50 PM

Comments For Parks/Rec Master Plan

Every project we take on must take into consideration its impact to the General Fund (GF) and ensure sustainability otherwise we must refrain...no matter how much we want to spend our capital dollars on fantastic improvement. We can easily defer and keep those funds in reserve until we solve the GF deficit.

It is my belief that we need to be extremely conservative regarding any “projects” impacting our GF as we are already spending money we do not have and without change, we will be facing deeper and deeper cuts.

- Each project should be carefully analyzed;
 - Initial costs including all indirect costs (soft costs)
 - Ongoing costs
 - Ongoing routine maintenance
 - Vandalism and other premature catastrophic failure/damages
 - Replacement costs in future and identified funding options
- Each project should be GF “cost/resource neutral”, ideally, GF savings. e.g.;
 - Replace/modernize turf or other surfaces for more playability (available more and in better conditions)
 - Expand “usability” of existing parks, avoid building new park locations
 - Focus on sustainability and efficiency i.e. utility savings, reduce maintenance man-hour demands
- Reduce open space and roadway side or median landscape areas
 - Unless identified and sustainable non-GF resources available to maintain and replace

Adding a shade structure, planting trees etc. using capital dollars may seem like there is no impact to the GF but...unless repairs and replacement of those in the future is 100% guaranteed by other funds, then it creates a GF liability for repairs and replacement (including vandalism and disrepair). Another example is our grounds/parks staffing struggles as it is to maintain what we have in terms of weed control and abatement and trimming/grooming for all the parks, road landscape etc.

So perhaps it's time to look at capital projects installing synthetic turf for our more active sporting areas like community park. This would reduce GF obligations (although there are still maintenance needs that need to be considered) so long as our long-term planning provides either for saving those GF savings in reserve or, ensuring capital dollars are set aside for the ultimate life-cycle replacement (10-15 years). But in addition to any savings or benefit to the GF, this approach may result in a substantive increase in "playable" access. If maintained well, synthetic turf can provide 24-hour access 365 as it will sustain heavy use without needing rest without suffering wear reducing "playability" so it may "act" as an increase to park area in that regard.

City parks, landscaping areas etc. should not depend on private funding or volunteers for ongoing maintenance if they are to be public facilities. We should have fully developed minimum facility standards including types of “program” areas (e.g. sporting, recreation, dogs/pets, parking, walks/trails etc), equipment, and specific standards for all including defined ongoing routine maintenance level of care and “life-cycle replacement” and all should

be funded by the GF. Outside resources are not 100% reliable and should go towards “additional” facilities/programs that are eliminated if the outside resource is no longer available. So if a minimum standard program or facility is desirable but GF resources are not available for ongoing maintenance/care then that must be deferred or denied.

Another “project” worth considering, assuming there may be some up-front costs associated with procurement and transition which may be funded using capital funds, is to modernize, eliminate or otherwise make more sustainable the Landscape Assessment District(s). In particular, those that are falling into disrepair with no identified and sustainable resources to correct and ensure sustainable quality parks and open space. e.g. potentially move to another model for the “public parks” pieces and shift the “open spaces” (which are more like frontage landscaped areas not unlike any other Planned Development HOA property) to those LAD’s via transitioning away from LAD. These “public parks” are truly public parks and should be maintained to the same standards as all public parks using the same resources.

Sorry for a little bit of rambling...but I think the picture I have attempted to paint is clear and staff is better positioned to identify ways to incorporate some of the above as well, I am certain they already do their best to ensure sustainability and I would encourage staff and Council to stay that course.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback/input.

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MEETING MINUTES

Parks and Recreation Commission

Craig van Keulen - Chair
Harpreet Vittal - Vice Chair
Poonam Chabra - Commissioner
John Moniz - Commissioner
Mike Braxton - Commissioner
Kais Zafer - Commissioner
Saied Zargar - Commissioner

**Tuesday, August 18, 2026
7:00 PM**

**Council Chamber
17555 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA 95037**

CALL TO ORDER

7:02pm

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

All present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

DECLARATION OF POSTING AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT

This opportunity for public comment is for items that are not on the agenda. If you would like to make comments on an item that is on the agenda, please wait until we get to that item to offer your comments. Members of the public are entitled to address the Commission concerning any item within the Commission's subject matter jurisdiction. Public comments are limited to no more than three minutes. Except for certain specific exceptions, the Commission is prohibited from discussing or taking action on any item not appearing on the posted agenda. Public comment is intended for comments. Questions posed during public comment are not generally answered. If you have questions, please send them to the City Clerk at

LCACpubliccomment@morganhill.ca.gov to receive a response. (See additional noticing at the end of this agenda)

Public Comment provided by Joseph Chavez. Expressed concern about safety at the Aquatics Center following an incident with YMCA camp counselor and youth campers while visiting the Center. Mr. Chavez would like to see evaluation of safety at the Center and specifically mentioned camera review.

RECOGNITIONS

None

PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR REPORT

1. Director's Report

Recommendation:
Receive report.

Report provided.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion van Keulen, second Zargar, adopted 7-0.

BUSINESS

1. Accept June 16, 2026 Commission Meeting Minutes

Recommendation:
Accept June 16, 2026 Commission Meeting Minutes.

Motion Moniz, second Chabra, accepted 7-0.

2. Park Maintenance Followup

Recommendation:

1. Recieve update; and
2. Provide further direction as desired by the Commission.

Provided by Keri Russell, Maintenance Manager.

Commission provided comments on the desire to reduce funding for other restroom cleaning or other areas to fund maintenance for bathrooms in additional park facilities.

3. Facility Rentals Update

Recommendation:
Recieve update.

Report provided by Andrew Aguilar, Community Services Supervisor.

4. Work Plan Updates

Recommendation:

Provide Work Plan updates.

Commissioners provided updates.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

8:12pm



MORGAN HILL HAUNT

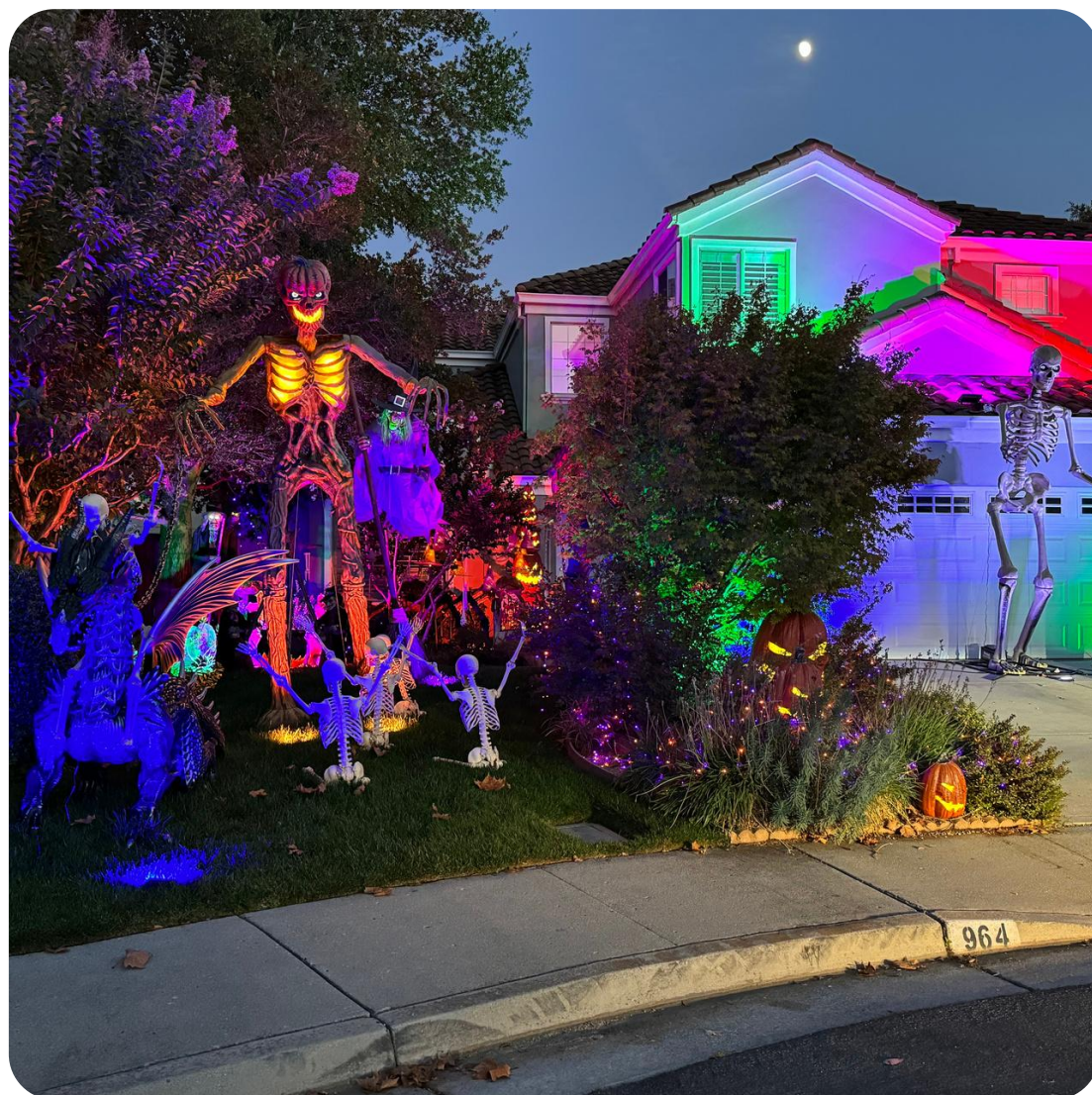


HOLIDAY LIGHTS MORGAN HILL





MORGAN HILL HAUNT



Morgan Hill Parks and Recreation invites the Morgan Hill community to participate in a spooky tradition! Get creative as you out boo your neighbors for the ultimate Halloween home decorating bragging rights.

Registration opens 9/8 at www.morganhill.ca.gov/mhhaunt

Deadline for entries is October 13, 2026
Judging to take place October 15-18, 2026

Commissioners interested in judging? Please sign up by September 28 by emailing nichole.martin@morganhill.ca.gov.



HOLIDAY LIGHTS MORGAN HILL



Morgan Hill Parks and Recreation is excited for the return of the Holiday Lights Morgan Hill décor contest! Ring in the Winter season by bringing sparkle and shine to your neighborhood.

Registration opens 11/6 at www.morganhill.ca.gov/mhlights

Deadline for entries is December 8, 2026
Judging to take place December 10-13, 2026

Commissioners interested in judging? Please sign up by November 17 by emailing nichole.martin@morganhill.ca.gov.



Thank You To Our Sponsor

This year's program is sponsored by Morgan Hill Wine Trolley! As part of their effort, they will be hosting family-friendly tours on their iconic cable car trolley!

- A 20-minute round trip tour of some participating homes.
- Registration is required and tickets are limited.
- Learn more at www.mhwinetrolley.com.

Proceeds will be donated to Morgan Hill Parks and Recreation.



Marty Cheek Trail Plaques and Trail Sign Posts
Proposed Language and Locations
August 24, 2026
Proposed by John McKay

Plaque 1 — At the Entrance / Base of Nob Hill Park

In Honor of Marty Cheek

Community Journalist • Storyteller • Friend of Morgan Hill

Every morning, rain or shine, Marty Cheek walked this .2 mile path to the top of Nob Hill Park.

His daily climb reflected the spirit he brought to our community—optimism, curiosity, and a deep appreciation for the simple beauty of life in Morgan Hill.

May all who follow this trail be inspired by his dedication, his kindness, and the joy he found in every step.

Plaque 2 — At the Top of Nob Hill Park (Scenic Point) Note: see alternate language below

Marty's View

Here, at this very spot, Marty Cheek paused each day to watch the sun rise and set over Morgan Hill. He believed that every dawn offered hope and every dusk offered gratitude.

Marty's journey began in Hollister, where his early passion for journalism took root. That passion led to a degree in journalism from SJSU before guiding him to his forever home in Morgan Hill. As a writer for the Morgan Hill Times, Marty developed a friendship with his editor and future partner, Robert Airoidi.

Years later, their shared vision and love for community and storytelling inspired them to create Morgan Hill Life, a lifestyle newspaper dedicated to celebrating the people and spirit of South Valley by telling the stories of Morgan Hill with heart, understanding, and pride.

Along the way he developed an even greater passion for world peace and saving Democracy across the globe that led him to author three books on the subject.

Plaque by friends of Marty Cheek, Robert and Kathryn Airoidi and John and Michelle McKay



Proposed plaque example and locations in orange above.



Locations for potential trailside posts signage in pictures below:



Corner of Del Monte and 3rd St



Approx. ½ way up trail to view point



Close to point where trail to view point begins

Alternate language for Marty's View if it helps get passage by Parks and Rec:

Marty's View

Here, at this very spot, **Marty Cheek** paused each day to watch the sun rise and set over Morgan Hill. He believed that every dawn offered hope and every dusk offered gratitude.

May this view remind us to slow down, breathe deeply, and cherish the world as Marty did—with wonder, humility, and an open heart.

Parks & Recreation Commission

FY 2026-27 Work Plan – Approved by City Council 8.19.26

Project	City Council Priority Supported	Staff Resources Required	Desired Outcome (Commissioner Responsible)
1. Motivate the next generation to get more active in Parks and Recreation	Supporting Our Youth, Seniors & Entire Community	Recreation Manager (Minimal)	1. Review program opportunities for new youth programming. (Vittal/Chabra) 2. Work with City staff to review opportunities to more formally include youth (YAC and other youth) in park planning. (Vittal)
2. Support the Morgan Hill Magical Bridge ongoing operations	Supporting Our Youth, Seniors & Entire Community	Recreation Supervisor and Coordinator (Moderate)	Support and enhance the ongoing volunteer and ambassador efforts at the Morgan Hill Magical Bridge Playground, including a youth volunteer program. (Vittal /Chabra)
3. Support City in grant opportunities	Supporting Our Youth, Seniors & Entire Community Fiscal Sustainability	PS Director (Moderate) Mngt Analyst (Moderate)	Support City staff in identifying and evaluating grant opportunities and associated projects. (Zargar/Chabra)
4. Increase volunteer Adopt a Park Program participation	Supporting Our Youth, Seniors & Entire Community Fiscal Sustainability	PS Director (Minimal) CS Supervisor (Minimal)	Support efforts to identify volunteers for tree establishment watering. (Zargar/Moniz/Zafer)
5. Support City park planning efforts	Supporting Our Youth, Seniors & Entire Community	PS Director/ Maintenance Manager/ Community Services Supervisor (Significant)	1. Commence Parks and Recreation Master Plan update. (All) 2. Evaluate future opportunities for parkland acquisition and development. (van Keulen) 3. Research opportunities for the creation of additional dog parks in existing or new park spaces. (Moniz) 4. Review options for the future of the Community Park Pond. (All) 5. Review restroom operating costs to support future adding restrooms in existing parks, including Diana, Nordstrom and Paradise. (van Keulen/Moniz) 6. Explore the feasibility of counting trail and bike uses on City trails and roadways. This may include the use of volunteers in this activity. (All)

Project	City Council Priority Supported	Staff Resources Required	Desired Outcome (Commissioner Responsible)
6. Support the Annual Open Streets Event	Supporting Our Youth, Seniors & Entire Community	PS Director (Minimal) CS Supervisor (Moderate)	Support the planning and implementation of the annual Open Streets Event in coordination with health and wellness community resource fair. (Moniz/Vittal/Chabra/Lucido)
7. Explore Park and Outdoor Recreation Activation Opportunities	Supporting Our Youth, Seniors & Entire Community	PS Director (Minimal) CS Supervisor (Minimal) Recreation Manager (Minimal) Recreation Coordinator (Moderate)	1. Explore the opportunity to develop and implement an "Art in the Park" event, program or improvement. (Moniz/Chabra) 2. Review the opportunity to implement free fitness opportunities in parks in partnership with local fitness advocates. (Zargar) 3. Review opportunity to implement outdoor education workshop sessions for seniors. (Chabra)
8. Support Improved Maintenance of Park Areas Utilizing Available Resources	Maintaining and Enhancing Infrastructure Fiscal Sustainability	PS Director (Minimal) Maintenance Manager (Moderate)	Re-evaluate the safe use of specific herbicides, including glyphosate, in specific park areas. (van Keulen)

Staff Resources Required: **0-50 hours = Minimal** **51-100 hours = Moderate** **100+ hours = Significant**