

- Several volunteer groups will be volunteering at Cameron Park Lake on Saturday April 30th. The last organized community volunteer day was in 2019, prior to Covid-19. The volunteers will be spreading repurposed wood chips, painting picnic benches, and cleaning all the litter throughout the park. The event runs from 8AM – 12PM.

Parks and LLADs

- Staff were able to diagnose and repair the restrooms at Rasmussen Park. This prevented the district from rebuilding both the men's and women's restrooms. (See details on page 3)
- The district drinking fountains have been repaired or is in the process of being repaired. Staff are working on the issues.
- Heartwood tree removed a large Digger Pine that was leaning at a 45-degree angle over the small dog park. Staff noticed the tree was leaning more than usual. This was removed to prevent a potential future hazard.

Community Center

- The Parks and Facilities Supervisor is collaborating with various contractors to repair the roof leak and mold issue in the N/E Fire Riser room. The roof has been repaired and the sheet rock removed. Once the room is finished drying out then a contractor will reinstall the sheetrock and finish the room back to its original look.
- The district is looking at the Community Center warranty recommendation report provide by Angus and Terry to determine a priority list of projects. There will be more information to come as staff finalize a recommendation to spend the settlement funds.

Cal Fire / Growlersburg

- Growlersberg spent two crew days working on the fire break on the N/W corner of Royal Park. It is a remote part of Royal Park that is difficult to access. Growlersberg has been burning all the tree limbs and vegetation onsite.
- Growlers spent one crew day trimming hedges at Northview Parks and Cameron Valley LLAD.

I wanted to give you an update on the restroom situation at Rasmussen. I am amazed at how capable the parks department staff are at repairing things. Below is a summary of how parks staff repaired the restroom issue at Rasmussen Park.

A few months back staff noticed the toilets at Rasmussen Park were not flushing correctly. The main symptom was a lack of pressure when flushing toilets. To make a long story short ABC Plumbing came out to diagnose the issue. (ABC Plumbing is a made-up name. I do not like naming specific companies in situations like this). They replaced the pressure regulator, flushometers, diaphragms and disconnected the pressure tank. ABC Plumbing stated that the pressure tank was used when the restrooms were on well water. The restrooms are currently on EID potable water. ABC Plumbing's next recommendation was to replumb the restrooms so we could install modern toilets. The toilets that are currently installed are unavailable. Replumbing the restrooms would include tearing up the concrete floor and rerouting the original sewer lines. Once the department received this update, we decided to investigate the situation further.

Mike Merritt and Greg Dalbeck looked at the other district park restrooms to try and diagnose the issue. Staff noticed there was a pressure tank installed at Christa McAuliffe Park, like the one at Rasmussen Park. Staff disconnected the tank at Christa McAuliffe Park, only to find that the toilets had no pressure while flushing. Mike and Greg went back to Rasmussen Park and connect the tank back into the system. Meanwhile I called the company who manufactures the pressure tanks to get a better understanding of the tanks purpose. It appears that the pressure tank serves as a single tank for all the toilets within the restroom at Rasmussen. The tank needs to be set at 45 PSI to operate correctly.

Staff reset the tank pressure to 45 PSI and the toilets performed perfectly. Current staff have the skill set to repair or replace any plumbing issue that arises. Like I said, department staff are constantly saving the district tens of thousands of dollars by having skilled staff in house.