



## ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**PARKS COMMISSION** meetings are open to the public and take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 6:00p.m. in the County Government Center Board Chambers located at 1055 Monterey Street in SLO

## PARKS COMMISSIONERS

[Deanne Gonzales](#) – Chair  
Representing **District 1** for Supervisor Frank Mecham

[Pandora Nash-Karner](#) -  
Representing **District 2** for Supervisor Bruce Gibson

[Bruce Hilton](#) -  
Representing **District 3** for Adam Hill

[Connie O'Henley](#) -  
Representing **District 4** for Supervisor Paul Teixeira

[Rick Mathews](#) -  
Representing **District 5** for Supervisor Jim Patterson

## TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday, every other month. The next scheduled meeting will be July 12.

Guests are welcome. Applications for membership are available at meetings. Call at 781-5930 or email Ernie Del Rio, Parks Superintendent at [edelrio@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:edelrio@co.slo.ca.us)

## National Trails Day – Santa Margarita Lake 2011

Celebrate National Trails Day at Santa Margarita Lake with Supervisor Jim Patterson and friends, including SLO County Parks, Central Coast Concerned Mountain Bikers (CCCMB) and the Environmental Center of San Luis Obispo (ECOSLO) on **Saturday, June 4th** from 9am to noon. We plan to give the Falcon Trail, one of the county's most scenic backcountry trails and a favorite among hikers, mountain bikers and equestrians alike, some much needed TLC. We'll also be working various sections of the Grey Pine and Rocky Trails, primarily improving water runoff and vegetation clearance. We recommend that you dress in layers, wear long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, sturdy closed-toe shoes, a hat or visor and leather gloves. All tools and project supervision will be provided. In addition to free admission into the park, we will provide a picnic lunch for all of our volunteers and we will have a raffle drawing for some great prizes. Meet at the Grey Pine camping area near the pool at 9:00 a.m. We should wrap up around noon and volunteers are welcome to spend the entire day hiking, boating, fishing or simply doing nothing at all but enjoying the last days of spring. For more information and to register, please email Maria Kelly at [info@ecoslo.org](mailto:info@ecoslo.org) or call (805) 544-1777.



This event is being sponsored by CCCMB, San Luis Obispo County Parks, ECOSLO and 5<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor, Jim Patterson.



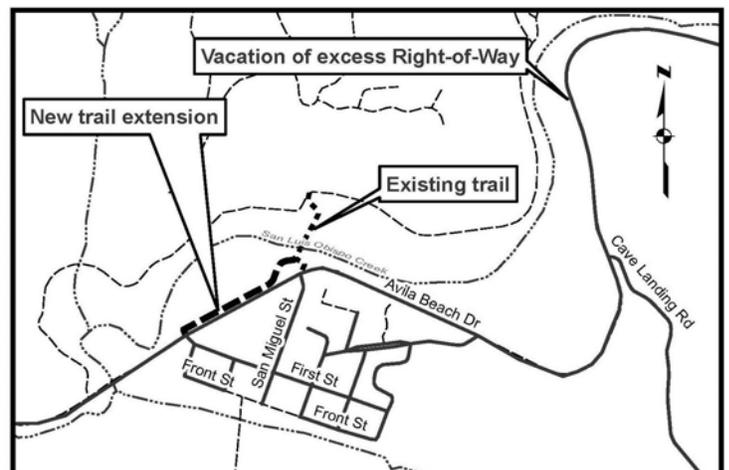
## Bob Jones Trail Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Come and join us at the ribbon cutting ceremony to mark the completion of a new section of the Bob Jones Trail on Friday, May 27, 2011 at 11:00a.m. This new section of the trail is located in Avila Beach and extends the existing trail by approximately one-quarter-mile in length. It is 8 feet wide, paved and is located between San Miguel Street and First Street.

Improvements of this project include the installation of a 10' fence between the golf course and the trail; the construction of screen barriers between the fairway and the trail; and the construction of retaining walls adjacent to the trail. By completing this segment it closes the crossing on Avila Beach Drive at San Miguel Street and moves it to its new signalized

location at Avila Beach Drive and First Street near Avila Community Park

Directions: From Highway 101 take the San Luis Bay Drive exit and follow to First Street in Avila Beach. Parking for the event is available along Avila Beach Drive and First Street.





RECREATION PROGRAMS

- ❖ **TENNIS LESSONS**  
at Hardie Park  
Tuesdays & Thursdays  
&  
Los Osos Comm. Park  
Monday, Wed., Friday  
Info: Stephani Wagner  
(805) 441-4624
- ❖ **DOG OBEDIENCE**  
at Los Osos Red Barn  
Wednesday Evenings  
6pm – 9pm  
Info: Erica Duggan at  
(805) 550-2292
- ❖ **ZUMBA**  
*Cardio – Toning - Fun*  
at the SLO Vet's Hall  
Every Thursday  
5:45pm – 6:45pm  
Info: Sally Unks  
(805) 528-8929
- ❖ **LATIN DANCE**  
at the SLO Vets Hall  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues Evenings  
All levels welcome!  
Lessons: 7pm – 8pm  
Dancing: 8pm – 11pm  
Info: Lilianna Graham  
(805) 748-4050
- ❖ **WEST COAST SWING**  
at the SLO Vets Hall  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tues Evenings  
All Levels welcome!  
Lessons: 7pm – 8pm  
Dancing: 8pm – 11pm  
Info: Kara Frenzel  
(805) 823-3342
- ❖ **YOGA w/ Shoosh**  
at SLO Vets Hall  
Mon & Wed Evenings  
5:30pm - 6:30pm  
All levels welcome!  
Info: (805) 772-3560
- ❖ **FREE YOGA FOR  
CANCER SURVIVORS**  
at the SLO Vets Hall  
Wednesdays  
4pm – 5pm  
Info: (805) 772-3560
- ❖ **TANGO CLASSES**  
at SLO Vets Hall  
Monday Evenings  
Intro: 7pm – 7:30pm  
Exercises: 7:30pm – 8pm  
Practice: 8pm – 9pm  
Info: Rich Howe at  
(805) 783-0596 or  
[www.slotango.org](http://www.slotango.org)

Record Bass Caught at Santa Margarita Lake

Santa Margarita Lake had a new lake record bass caught on Sunday, March 6, 2011 around noon. The lucky angler was Joe Alanis of Fresno. He caught the 14.33 pound bass in the Murphy's Bay area of the lake using 6" Motor oil plastic worm on 6# test line. Once the bass was weighed it was released back into the lake. Don and Sandy Lopez notified Wayne Shaw as well as Western Outdoor News about the catch.



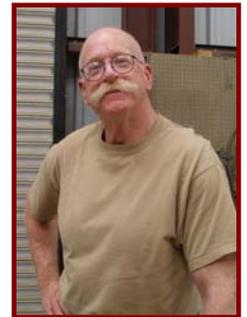
Our bass spawning enhancements and habitat efforts seem to be working well!

Parks Superintendent Denis Philbin Retires

After 35 years with County Parks our favorite "Parkee," Denis Philbin decided to hang up his hat...or in his case, his work boots!

Denis began his career in 1975 as a Page at the County Library and then transferred to Parks in 1977 as a Gate Attendant. He was repeatedly promoted and in 1985 was promoted to Parks Superintendent. His primary responsibilities were for overseeing Parks' maintenance and safety-related programs. He was also the County's Safety Committee chair for over 20 years.

Throughout Denis' career he worked with diligence and dedication to improve our park facilities. He was also a mentor and trainer for countless Parks staff, resulting in the improved quality of service to our park visitors. He was an exemplary public employee, leader and innovator. His approach to problem solving and ability to listen made him a trusted and effective Parks Superintendent.



Denis has an amazing sense of humor and wit and we will no doubt have a hard time filling his shoes. We wish Denis much happiness in his well-deserved retirement.

Parks - Here To Stay, Now And For The Future

It is no secret that San Luis Obispo County Parks' Staff works diligently to use revenue and general fund support to provide the highest level of service possible to the community and its visitors. In fluctuating economic times, parks has stewarded its funds, facilities, and staff to maximum effect. That successful tradition has strongly benefitted central coast park goers in recent years, as many in our community feel the pain of the recession. We can think of no better reason to carry on with our mission to "Ensure diversified opportunities for recreation and personal enrichment of the County's residents and visitors while protecting it's natural, cultural and historical resources."



**2011  
NEW TIMES  
BEST OF SLO  
COUNTY  
READERS POLL**

Thanks to the joint efforts of San Luis Obispo County Parks and the San Luis Obispo Parks & Recreation Department, Bishop Peak was voted the "BEST HIKE" in the 2011 New Times 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Best of SLO County Readers Poll. The results were posted in the May 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the New Times newspaper. If you haven't hiked this trail you're missing a real treat! It's a great hiking experience so go out and give it a try!

**SLO ROWING  
CLUB ANNUAL  
OPEN HOUSE  
Saturday, June 4  
10am – 1pm  
Santa Margarita  
Lake Club  
Boathouse**

Bring the family! Activities include free sandwiches and sodas, free drawings, boathouse tours and rowing demonstrations. There will be rowing videos and the chance to talk to competitive and recreational rowers. Learn about the fun and healthy benefits of rowing and club membership. Call Marty for info at: 800.987.2504

## What's Happening in the...

### Huasna District (Lopez Lake)

- ❖ Painting and repairs of the Arboleda Group Day Use Area
- ❖ Grading of beach and preparations of the Vista Lago Day Use Area
- ❖ Replacing Lopez Lake main channel dock
- ❖ Cleanup, repairs and maintenance in preparation for summer visitors
- ❖ ECOSLO Volunteer Workday on the Blackberry Trail on April 16<sup>th</sup>

### Mesa District (South Coastal)

- ❖ Oceano Park and Campground sidewalk and walkway repairs
- ❖ Park Staff repairing, replacing and upgrading picnic tables at Monterey Group Area in Nipomo Community Park
- ❖ The Friends of Lopez Lake donated money for 4 new bleachers to be used by the Nipomo Little League and Nipomo Football League at Nipomo Community Park. The bleachers have been assembled and are in use.
- ❖ California Conservation Corp worked several days in Nipomo Community Park on weed/grass abatement
- ❖ Volunteer workday at the Bob Jones Trail on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

### Pecho District (North Coastal)

- ❖ Installed new playground surface material at Shamel Park & Los Osos
- ❖ Earth Day Celebration monitoring, assistance & co-sponsorship
- ❖ Memorial bench installation at the Elfin Forest
- ❖ Replacement of picnic tables at several park locations district wide
- ❖ Project upgrades and restoration to Shamel Park Maintenance area
- ❖ Preparations for Summer Aquatics Season
- ❖ Graded Cayucos Beach and installation of Lifeguards Towers
- ❖ Pruning of plant material throughout El Chorro Regional Park Campground

### Salinas District (North County)

- ❖ Playground repairs and safety surface upgrades at San Miguel, Templeton, Heilmann & Santa Margarita Community Parks
- ❖ Heilmann Park water play area major renovations and repairs
- ❖ Bass spawning area enhancements at White Oak Cove
- ❖ Wildfire prevention and grass mowing
- ❖ Salsipuedes Trail corridor analysis
- ❖ Planning interpretive nature boat tours for Santa Margarita Lake

### Morro Bay & Dairy Creek Golf Courses

- ❖ New clubhouse entrance landscaping at Dairy Creek Golf Course (DCGC)
- ❖ New Greenskeeper Aide, Frank Dutra started in April
- ❖ Work in progress on the installation of new composting area, worm bins and compost tea brewer at DCGC
- ❖ New fairway yardage posts are being installed at Morro Bay Golf Course



**From the Directors Chair . . . . .**

Park Rangers and Greenskeepers work very hard to meet the needs of visitors to our parks and golf courses. Picnic areas are prepared for family reunions and birthday parties, courses are readied for golf tournaments of all sizes from 24 to 144 players and campgrounds are clean and ready for your use. All of this work is planned so you can create memories for a lifetime, sharing the beautiful outdoors with family and friends. We often hear from our customers and are proud to share that over 90% of visitors say services and facilities are Good to Excellent!

Still, there may be times when the park may not be in the condition needed for your activities and we appreciate receiving a call from you. That’s right! We thank you for sharing both good and bad experiences. As you take the time to give us a call, we have the chance to help make your next visit better. As our services improve we have stronger support that can help ensure parks and golf courses remain in great shape and available for the future. So, go out and enjoy a day of play and whether your experience is excellent or in need of improvement, please give us a call!

**Curtis Black, GSA Deputy Director-Parks**

Curtis Black .....	GSA Deputy Director - Parks
Ernie Del Rio .....	Parks Superintendent
Josh Heptig .....	Golf Course Superintendent
Shaun Cooper .....	Senior Park Planner
Elizabeth Kavanaugh .....	Park Planner III
Stacey King .....	Park Operations Coordinator

Mark Wagner .....	Supervising Park Ranger, Pecho Dist.
Ken Klis.....	Supervising Park Ranger, Mesa Dist.
Don Melin.....	Supervising Park Ranger, Salinas Dist.
Bob Yetter.....	Supervising Park Ranger, Huasna Dist.
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