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Vice Chair

Chris Bieber
Commissioner

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Commissioner

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Commissioner

City of Laguna Hills Parks and Recreation Commission

Regular Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, June 3, 2026 - 6:00 PM

City Council Chamber
24035 El Toro Road
Laguna Hills, CA 92653

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Call to Order

Resolution No. 96-04-09-1 established rules of decorum for public meetings held by the City of Laguna Hills. Resolution No. 96-04-09-1 is available on the table at the back of the City Council Chamber.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Commissioner Members

1. Public Comments

This is the time to address the Parks and Recreation Commission on any

matter not listed on this Agenda that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. Public Comments are limited to three minutes per person as determined by the Chair.

2. Minutes Approval

2.1 Approval of Minutes for April 1, 2026, Regular Meeting

Recommendation: That the Parks and Recreation Commission approve the minutes for the April 1, 2026, Regular Meeting.

3. Presentations

4. Administrative Reports

4.1 2026 Memorial Day Half Marathon, 5K, and 10K Honoring USMC Team Darkhorse Post-Event Verbal Report

Recommendation: That the Parks and Recreation Commission receive a verbal report.

4.2 2026 4th of July Celebration Pre-Event Report

Recommendation: That the Parks and Recreation Commission receive and file the report.

4.3 2026 Summer Series Pre-Event Report

Recommendation: That the Parks and Recreation Commission receive and file the report.

4.4 America250 Celebration Update

Recommendation: That the Parks and Recreation Commission receive and file the report.

5. Informational Items

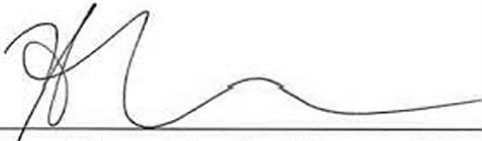
6. Commissioner Comments

Adjournment

The next Regular Meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission will be Wednesday, August 5th, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, located at 24035 El Toro Road, Laguna Hills, California.

CERTIFICATION

I, Holland Gannon, Community Services Director of the City of Laguna Hills, do hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Agenda was posted at Laguna Hills City Hall, Laguna Hills Community Center, and Knotty Pine Park by Friday, May 29th, at 5:00 p.m.



Holland Gannon, Community Services Director

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**City of Laguna Hills
Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
Minutes
Wednesday, April 1, 2026**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Zozaya.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Commissioner Members

Present:

Chair Michael Zozaya
Vice Chair Harry Huggins
Commissioner Chris Bieber
Commissioner Patricia Thee

Absent:

Commissioner Marc Trocchio

1. Public Comments

2. Minutes Approval

2.1 Approval of Minutes for February 4, 2026, Regular Meeting

Recommendation: That the Parks and Recreation Commission approve the minutes for the February 4, 2026, Regular Meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes for the February 4, 2026, Regular Meeting was moved by Commissioner Bieber, seconded by Commissioner Thee.

Result:

Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0

Ayes: Chair Zozaya, Vice Chair Huggins, Commissioner Bieber,
Commissioner Thee

Nays: None

Abstain: None

3. Presentations

3.1 Employee of the Quarter - Winter 2026

Recommendation: That the Parks and Recreation Commission receive a presentation recognizing the part-time Employee of the Quarter, Robert Ryan.

Community Services Leader Ryan introduced himself to the Commission and answered Commissioner questions.

4. Administrative Reports

4.1 General Parks Update

Recommendation: That the Parks and Recreation Commission receive a verbal report concerning general park updates around the City.

Parks Supervisor Hanley provided a general parks update, including a report on the last Rooted Volunteer Event at Mendocino Park, the status of weed abatement around the City, an update on sidewalk repairs, the recent screening planted at the corner of Aliso Hills Rd and Alicia Pkwy, the electrical upgrade to the Community Center, quarterly playground inspections such as rubber repairs and swing and slide replacements, and an update on the Park Improvement Project.

Parks Supervisor Hanley answered Commissioner questions.

4.2 Facility Reservation Report

Recommendation: That the Parks and Recreation Commission receive a verbal report for 2026 facility reservations.

Recreation Coordinator Grimes provided a facility reservation report concerning revenue, 2026 projections, the new dance floor, and janitorial services in the Heritage Room of the Community Center.

Recreation Coordinator Grimes answered Commissioner questions.

4.3 2026 Adult Sports Leagues Winter End of Seasons Report

Recommendation: That the Parks and Recreation Commission receive and file the report.

Recreation Coordinator Aguera provided a 2026 adult sports leagues end of season report concerning the current softball and basketball leagues and answered Commissioner questions.

A motion to receive and file the item was moved by Vice Chair Huggins, seconded by Commissioner Bieber.

Result:

Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0

Ayes: Chair Zozaya, Vice Chair Huggins, Commissioner Bieber, Commissioner Thee

Nays: None

Abstain: None

5. Informational Items

5.1 2026 Daddy Daughter Dinner Dance Post-Event Report

Recommendation: That the Parks and Recreation Commission receive and file the report.

Administrative Assistant Cardenas provided a post-event report and answered Commissioner questions.

Community Services Director Gannon answered Commissioner questions.

A motion to receive and file the item was moved by Commissioner Bieber, seconded by Vice Chair Huggins.

Result:

Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0

Ayes: Chair Zozaya, Vice Chair Huggins, Commissioner Bieber,
Commissioner Thee

Nays: None

Abstain: None

5.2 2026 Hoppin' Hills Post-Event Report

Recommendation: That the Parks and Recreation Commission receive an oral presentation regarding the 2026 Hoppin' Hills Event.

Administrative Assistant Cardenas provided a post-event report and answered Commissioner questions.

A motion to receive and file the item was moved by Chair Zozaya, seconded by Commissioner Thee.

Result:

Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0

Ayes: Chair Zozaya, Vice Chair Huggins, Commissioner Bieber,
Commissioner Thee

Nays: None

Abstain: None

5.3 2026 South Orange County Senior Games Update

Recommendation: That the Parks and Recreation Commission receive and file the report.

Recreation Coordinator Aguera provided a 2026 South Orange County Senior Games update and answered Commissioner questions.

Community Services Director Gannon answered Commissioner questions.

A motion to receive and file the item was moved by Vice Chair Huggins, seconded by Commissioner Bieber.

Result:

Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0

Ayes: Chair Zozaya, Vice Chair Huggins, Commissioner Bieber,
Commissioner Thee

Nays: None

Abstain: None

5.4 **2026 Memorial Day Half Marathon, 10K, and 5K Honoring USMC Team
Darkhorse Pre-Event Report**

Recommendation: That the Parks and Recreation Commission receive and file the report.

Community Services Director Gannon provided a pre-event report with updates concerning the racecourse and registration.

A motion to receive and file the item was moved by Commissioner Bieber, seconded by Vice Chair Huggins.

Result:

Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0

Ayes: Chair Zozaya, Vice Chair Huggins, Commissioner Bieber,
Commissioner Thee

Nays: None

Abstain: None

5.5 **America250 in Laguna Hills Program Update**

Recommendation: That the Parks and Recreation Commission receive and file the report.

Community Services Director Gannon provided a America250 in Laguna Hills program update and answered Commissioner questions.

A motion to receive and file the item was moved by Vice Chair Huggins, seconded by Commissioner Thee.

Result:
Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0

Ayes: Chair Zozaya, Vice Chair Huggins, Commissioner Bieber,
Commissioner Thee
Nays: None
Abstain: None

6. Commissioner Comments

Commissioners thanked Community Services staff for their efforts.

Vice Chair Huggins updated the Commission on a painting competition that will be hosted by Laguna Terrace Beautification. This competition will have a patriotic theme, and winners would be decided by July 2026.

Adjournment

The next Regular Meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission will be June 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, located at 24035 El Toro Road, Laguna Hills, California.

There being no further business before the Parks and Recreation Commission at this session, Chair Zozaya declared the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Holland Gannon, Community Services Director

ATTEST:

Michael Zozaya, Chair

Approved at meeting of June 3, 2026.



**City of Laguna Hills
Parks and Recreation Commission**

Staff Report

Date: June 3, 2026
To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Holland Gannon, Community Services Director
Issue: 2026 Memorial Day Half Marathon, 5K, and 10K Honoring USMC Team
Darkhorse Post-Event Verbal Report

Recommendation: That the Parks and Recreation Commission receive a verbal report.

Background:

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments:

None



**City of Laguna Hills
Parks and Recreation Commission**

Staff Report

Date: June 3, 2026
To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Holland Gannon, Community Services Director
Issue: 2026 4th of July Celebration Pre-Event Report

Recommendation: That the Parks and Recreation Commission receive and file the report.

Background:

The City of Laguna Hills will host its annual Fourth of July Celebration at the Laguna Hills Sports Complex on Saturday, July 4, 2026. In recognition of the United States' Semiquincentennial, this year's celebration will feature enhanced programming, entertainment, and fireworks. The event will begin at 4:00 PM, and the planned schedule is as follows:

Time	Activity
4:00 PM - 8:50 PM	Activities, games, informational booths, displays, food for purchase
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM	The American Heritage Ensemble will stroll throughout the event grounds while performing fife and bugle music
6:00 PM - 8:45 PM	Live musical performance by Family Style
8:50 PM	Mayor's welcome and remarks

8:55 PM	Announcement for attendees to locate seating in preparation for the fireworks display
9:00 PM	National Anthem
9:02 PM - 9:22 PM	Fireworks display

The various elements of the event are further described below.

Activities and Games

Event activities will include face painting, children’s crafts, and themed photo opportunities. In honor of the nation’s Semiquincentennial celebration, five historical reenactors portraying Benjamin Franklin, Abraham Lincoln, James Madison, General Ulysses S. Grant, and Betsy Ross will be present throughout the event. The reenactors will be available for photographs, educational engagement, and interaction with attendees.

Additional family-friendly activities will include inflatable attractions, water balloon tosses, and a variety of traditional field and yard games.

Music and Entertainment

The American Heritage Ensemble will provide patriotic musical entertainment from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., performing bugle calls and fife music throughout the event grounds.

The featured live entertainment for the evening will be provided by Family Style, a popular community-favorite band, performing from 6:00 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. Pre-recorded music will also be provided throughout the event during scheduled breaks and transitions.

Food Vendors

Staff has confirmed participation from the Laguna Hills High School Music Boosters and the Laguna Hills High School Boys Water Polo Boosters, which will provide food and beverage sales during the event.

Participating booster organizations and menu offerings include:

- **Laguna Hills High School Music Boosters:** nachos, churros, popcorn, candy, soda, and water
- **Laguna Hills High School Boys Water Polo Boosters:** shaved ice

To ensure adequate food availability for anticipated attendance, staff has also secured the following food vendors:

- S&E Food Team (BBQ)
- Angelenos Wood Fired Pizza
- Sol Nacimiento (Mediterranean cuisine)
- Buddy'z Burgers
- El Chucky (Mexican cuisine)
- Big Foot Loaded Corndog
- Scooter's Italian Ice

Informational Booths and Community Displays

Informational booths and community displays will once again be included as part of the event. The Community Services booth will provide information regarding upcoming City programs, classes, and special events. The booth will also feature a PLINKO game activity, with prizes including America250 in Laguna Hills branded promotional items such as hats, cups, and other giveaway materials.

2026 Fireworks Display Agreement

At its January 27, 2026 meeting, the City Council approved a fireworks display agreement with Garden State Fireworks utilizing the same general scope of work as the 2025 event, while directing staff to return with enhancement options in recognition of the United States' Semiquincentennial celebration.

At the February 10, 2026 meeting, staff presented three enhancement options for City Council consideration. Following review and discussion, the City Council selected "Option 3" for implementation as part of the 2026 Fourth of July Celebration.

Fireworks Show Details

The 2026 fireworks display will include the following elements:

- 600 three-inch aerial display shells
- 260 four-inch aerial display shells

- Approximately 1,500 effects/shots utilizing one-inch to two-inch multi-shot cake devices ranging from 25 to 665 shots per device

Enhancements approved by the City Council include:

Main Show Enhancements

- Additional 90 three-inch aerial display shells
- Additional 20 four-inch aerial display shells

“False Finale” Enhancements

- Additional 90 three-inch aerial display shells
- Additional 20 four-inch aerial display shells

Grand Finale Enhancements

- Additional 100 three-inch aerial display shells
- Additional 20 four-inch aerial display shells

Additional fireworks display information is as follows:

- Estimated duration: approximately 20 minutes
- Total cost: \$70,395

Fiscal Impact:

The budget for the Fourth of July Celebration is \$110,000. Staff anticipates costs will be closer to \$130,000. The difference of costs will be funded through a recent donation from CR&R.

Attachments:

None



City of Laguna Hills Parks and Recreation Commission

Staff Report

Date: June 3, 2026
To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Holland Gannon, Community Services Director
Issue: 2026 Summer Series Pre-Event Report

Recommendation: That the Parks and Recreation Commission receive and file the report.

Background:

The City of Laguna Hills will once again host its annual Summer Concert Series and Movies in the Park programs during the summer of 2026. These community events are designed to provide free, family-friendly recreational and entertainment opportunities for residents and visitors while promoting community engagement.

Concerts in the Park:

The 2026 Summer Concert Series will consist of three outdoor concerts held at the Laguna Hills Community Center, outdoors at the gazebo. Concerts will take place from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets. Food trucks and vendors will also be available during each event. Concerts in the Park are sponsored in part by Cityside Fiber and I Can Academy Tutoring.

The scheduled performances are as follows:

Date	Performer	Additional Information
July 17, 2026	The Reflexx	Includes Kids Market Event
July 31, 2026	History of Pop	
August 14, 2026	ACME Time Machine	

Movies in the Park:

The Movies in the Park program provides free outdoor movie screenings at various neighborhood parks throughout the summer. Festivities for each event will begin at

6:30 PM, with movies scheduled to begin approximately 10 minutes after sunset. Residents are encouraged to bring chairs, blankets, and picnic items to enjoy a family-friendly outdoor movie experience. Movies in the Park are sponsored in part by Cityside Fiber, I Can Academy Tutoring, Elite Employment Law, and Guidepost Montessori.

The 2026 Movies in the Park schedule is as follows:

Date	Movie	Location
July 10, 2026	<i>How to Train Your Dragon</i>	Mackenzie Park
July 24, 2026	<i>Trolls</i>	San Remo Park
August 7, 2026	<i>Madagascar</i>	Stockport Park
August 21, 2026	<i>The Super Mario Bros. Movie</i>	Clarrington Park

Fiscal Impact:

The budget for Concerts in the Park is \$19,000. The budget for Movies in the Park is \$5,000.

To date, staff has secured \$2,000 for Concerts in the Park and \$1,750 for Movies in the Park in sponsorships.

Attachments:

- 1. Attachment 1: Concerts in the Park 2026 Flyer
- 2. Attachment 2: Movies in the Park 2026 Flyer

CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS



SUMMER

Concert Series

July 17 - The Reflexx
and Kids Market Event

July 31 - History of Pop

August 14 - ACME Time
Machine

Concerts will be held outdoors at the
Laguna Hills Community Center from
6:30-8:30pm. Bring your chairs and come
hungry-there will be food trucks!

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CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS Movies in the Park



July 10
Mackenzie
Park

July 24
San Remo
Park

August 7
Stockport
Park

August 21
Clarrington
Park

Bring your chairs, blankets, and picnic for a family fun movie night! Festivities begin at 6:30pm and movies will begin about 10 minutes after sunset.

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City of Laguna Hills Parks and Recreation Commission

Staff Report

Date: June 3, 2026
To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Jessica Cardenas, Administrative Assistant
Issue: America250 Celebration Update

Recommendation: That the Parks and Recreation Commission receive and file the report.

Background:

The City Council approved the Community Services Department's America250 celebration plans at the March 24th, 2026 meeting. These plans outlined a series of programs and activities taking place between Memorial Day and the 4th of July, emphasizing community, service, education, and celebration. The events throughout the timeframe are part of a series called "America250 in Laguna Hills."

The Celebration kicked off in May with the Memorial Day Half Marathon, 5k, and 10k followed by the StoryWalk Unveiling event at Knotty Pine Park on Thursday, May 28th. The story along the StoryWalk will change on a seasonal basis, and in honor of America250, the first story is the Declaration of Independence. The unveiling event included a ribbon cutting, coffee donated by Starbucks, donuts, a bubble play zone, and a story time hosted by the Laguna Hills Library. There were an estimated 50 attendees at this event.

In June, we will join the Moulton Museum with a booth for their American Revolution exhibit's Grand Opening on Saturday, June 6th. We will then host a community Trash Cleanup event at Veeh Ranch Park on Saturday, June 13th. Volunteers can sign up online or join us the day of to help pick up trash in the park and along the creek. All volunteers will receive a special America250 volunteer shirt. This event will also have an inflatable slide, a face painter, coffee, and donuts. Throughout the month, we will also

be hosting an indoor Patriotic Movie Series. The schedule is as follows:

- Wednesday, June 10th 6:00PM-8:00PM - *Miracle* (2004) PG
- Wednesday, June 17th 12:00PM-2:00PM - *Hidden Figures* (2016) PG
- Wednesday, June 17th 6:00PM-8:00PM - *Hamilton* (2015) PG-13
- Wednesday, June 24th 6:00PM-8:00PM - *Independence Day* (1996) PG-13

Finally in July, we will have our Freedom Wall Unveiling event on Wednesday, July 1st at 6:00PM at the Community Center picnic shelters. This event is part of our ongoing community art project and will include a ribbon cutting, cookies, and light refreshments. Additionally, members of the global Harmony Symphony will be performing a brief program. The last event of the America250 series will be our 4th of July Celebration.

America250 in Laguna Hills also includes ongoing initiatives like the Freedom Wall Art Project and block parties. To date, we have sold 197 tiles for the Freedom Wall that will be unveiled on July 1st. We will continue to sell tiles throughout the summer that will be installed at a later date. We have also worked with ten "neighborhood captains" to schedule block parties from May through June. Additionally, the Community Services team has been giving away America250 swag items and playing an Independence Hall video throughout the day on the Community Center and Civic Center televisions.

This series is intended to create multiple opportunities for residents to participate throughout the celebration period while highlighting community in Laguna Hills.

Fiscal Impact:

Staff estimates that the cost of America250 in Laguna Hills will be approximately \$100,000. It is anticipated that the recent donation from CR&R will cover the cost of the event series.

Attachments:

1. America250 in Laguna Hills Calendar
2. Storywalk Invite
3. Trash Cleanup Day
4. Patriotic Movie Series
5. Freedom Wall Invite

AMERICA

 IN LAGUNA HILLS

CELEBRATION SCHEDULE

MAY

May 25: Memorial Day Half Marathon, 5k, and 10k Honoring USMC Dark Horse Battalion - Volunteer opportunities available

May 28: StoryWalk Unveiling at Knotty Pine Park

JUNE

June 6: Community Celebration at Moulton Museum

June 13: Trash Cleanup

June 25: Rooted Event

Wednesdays in June: Patriotic Movie Series

JULY

July 1: Freedom Wall Unveiling

July 4: 4th of July Celebration

ONGOING

Freedom Wall Community Art Project

Park Parties

Flag photo op at the Community Center courtyard



Scan or visit lagunahillsca.gov for more details

*calendar subject to change



You're Invited!

STORYWALK UNVEILING

KNOTTY PINE PARK

10:30 AM

THURSDAY, MAY 28TH





TRASH CLEANUP DAY

Let's work together for a cleaner,
greener neighborhood!



**JUNE
13**

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Veeh Ranch Park

What We'll Do

- Park & Creek Cleanup
- Donuts & Coffee
- Inflatable Slide & Face Painting
- T-Shirts for Volunteers

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our community
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AMERICA250 PATRIOTIC MOVIE SERIES



Wednesday, June 10th 6:00PM-8:00PM

Miracle (2004) PG

Wednesday, June 17th 12:00PM-2:00PM

Hidden Figures (2016) PG

Wednesday, June 17th 6:00PM-8:00PM

Hamilton (2015) PG-13

Wednesday, June 24th 6:00PM-8:00PM

Independence Day (1996) PG-13

LAGUNA HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER

HERITAGE ROOM

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You're Invited!

Freedom Wall

★ UNVEILING ★

Join us as we unveil our Freedom Wall! Designed by Laguna Hills residents. Located next to the Picnic Shelters and Dinosaur Park at the Laguna Hills Community Center & Sports Complex. Light refreshments will be provided.

1st OF JULY, 2026 | 6:00 PM

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