

HHIA – PARKS & RECREATION -- FINAL REPORT FOR YEAR OF 2018

This was an eventful year for all locations that we wanted to highlight for our community. Working with Joan Licari, we visited all 7 parks in Hacienda Heights and were able to assess the pros and cons of where we would like to advocate for a dog park. The County was brought into our request and we met with several officials to present our findings. Los Angeles County currently only has one dog park and that is located quite a distance from us (over in the Valley). When we met with the County officials we discovered they were already working on the possibility of using Schabarum Park as a dog park. We had discussions and concerns and we were supposed to have another meeting with the County. But as of today, we have not had a meeting. At one of HHIA's meetings, there was a Girl Scout troop that wanted to work on a project that would help our community. When they found out about the potential dog park, they wanted to be involved. They will be checking back with the new Board to see who will be assigned to this project and whether HHIA will still be spearheading a local dog park.

Hacienda Heights Community Center offered many different events for the community. In addition, they were the rallying point for outreach organizations that wanted to help our community. A few of these were: demanding the closure of the Quemetco Refinery plant. Their emissions were in the air, water and ground which caused health hazards for families and animals. Then we had a fabulous display to cover the West Nile Virus that was of prime concern for Los Angeles County. Our own Board Member, Lucy Pedregon, was the successful winner of the Los Angeles County's contest and was recognized by Supervisor Janice Hahn's office for the program that was put together for alerting our community about this health concern.

Many other stories that have been shared in our monthly reports. Have a wonderful 2019.

Respectfully resubmitted by Sandy Keat, January 9, 2019