

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

(Action Items Displayed in Italics)

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024 — 6:00 p.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Shawver.

II. ROLL CALL

Chair Shawver, Vice Chair Ashland, and Commissioners Diaz, Hanson, Warren, Jones, and Weigand were present.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

At this time, members of the public may address the Commission on items of public interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission and are not contained in tonight's agenda.

Greg Stone, Orange County Modelers' Association, provided an overview of the Association, an update on the activities of the Association and their work with local schools and universities.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEM(S) A)

The following item(s) on the consent calendar will be approved by one motion unless a Commissioner requests to pull a specific item.

A. APPROVE COMMISSION MINUTES FOR THE NOVEMBER 30, 2023 SPECIAL MEETING

Motion: Commissioner Weigand

2nd: Commissioner Jones

Approved 5–0–2 (Commissioners Diaz and Warren abstained)

V. DISCUSSION CALENDAR (ITEM(S) A–C)

A. RANGER ACADEMY 9 TRAINING PRESENTATION

Staff will provide a presentation that details the recruitment and training process for Park Rangers.

James Dinwiddie, OC Parks Deputy Director, introduced staff presenting on the item and answered the Commissioners' questions.

Eric Rubery, OC Parks Operations Support Manager, presented the item and answered the Commissioners' questions.

Mike Wilson, OC Parks Deputy Director, answered the Commissioners' questions.

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RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and file.

Motion: Vice Chair Ashland

2nd: Commissioner Warren

Approved 7–0

Following Item V.A., Chair Shawver invited Commissioner Warren and the other Commissioners to briefly introduce themselves.

B. OC PARKS TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING UPDATE

Staff will provide an update to the Commission regarding the January 11, 2024 OC Parks Trails Subcommittee meeting.

Michael Wellborn, President of Friends of Harbors, Beaches, and Parks, provided an overview of Friends of Harbors, Beaches, and Parks and commented on the high number of trail users, the need for trail safety and courtesy, increasing the use of Trail Ambassadors, and wants to work with OC Parks and the County of Orange Board of Supervisors on trail issues.

James Dinwiddie, OC Parks Deputy Director, introduced staff presenting on the item.

Jeaniene Casiello, OC Parks Planning and Design Manager, provided an update on the January 11, 2024 OC Parks Trails Subcommittee Meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and file.

C. APRIL FIELD TRIP SELECTION

In November 2023, the Commission approved its 2024 meeting and field trip schedule. Pursuant to the 2024 meeting and field trip schedule, the field trip dates and locations would be selected in the month(s) preceding the field trip.

Proposed date options for a morning field trip:

1. Friday, April 5, 2023
2. Saturday, April 6, 2023

Proposed field trip location options:

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1. George Key Ranch
2. Craig Regional Park

James Dinwiddie, OC Parks Deputy Director, provided information on the item and answered the Commissioners' questions.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

1. Select a field trip date.
2. Select a field trip location.

Motion to hold a field trip at George Key Ranch on Friday, April 5, 2024.

Motion: Vice Chair Ashland

2nd: Commissioner Jones

Approved 7-0

VI. OC PARKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

James Dinwiddie, OC Parks Deputy Director, provided updates and answered the Commissioners' questions.

B. UPCOMING OC PARKS EVENTS

Wilderness Access Day: Gypsum Canyon Wilderness – March 9 – 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

- Come explore OC Parks' newest trails at Gypsum Canyon Wilderness through this self-guided opportunity. Located within OC Parks' Irvine Ranch Open Space, Gypsum Canyon Wilderness features 6 miles of new trails for hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding. Two lookout points offer sweeping views of the surrounding canyons and unique prehistoric rock formations, while seven new trails provide multiple loop options that vary in distance and range from easy to moderate in difficulty. Visitors will have the opportunity to provide voluntary feedback about Gypsum Canyon Wilderness through on-site participation surveys and offer naming suggestions for several unnamed trails.

Birding by the Creek – Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park – March 16 – 8 – 10:30 a.m.

- Aliso Creek is one of the best riparian birding sites in Orange County and gives access for a lovely morning hike. OC Parks staff and

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volunteers will lead an easy 3-mile loop with 50 feet of elevation gain on uneven terrain. Travel along the creek on a dirt trail and return on a paved road while birding within the wilderness park. No experience necessary.

Biking the Bay – Upper Newport Bay Nature Preserve – March 16 – 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

- Join OC Parks for an interpretive bike ride around Upper Newport Bay! Participants will have the opportunity to get their heart rate up and pedal around the Bay, all while learning about local ecology and history. This moderately-paced ride will cover a 10-mile section of the Back Bay Loop Trail over the course of 2.5 hours. We will remain on the paved portion of the trail and will have interpretive stops along the way.

Wilderness Access Day: Saddleback Wilderness – March 23 – 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

- Come explore 3.3 miles of new trails at Saddleback Wilderness, part of OC Parks' Irvine Ranch Open Space, through this self-guided opportunity. Designated trails will be open for self-guided hiking, biking and equestrian use. There are multiple trail loop options which vary in distance and level of difficulty. Choices range from an easy one-mile loop to multiple figure-8 configurations for those looking to maximize their mileage. Regardless of distance, nearly all options feature scenic views including a destination vista point offering 360-degree perspectives from the mountains to the sea.

Explore! Fossils of the Ancient Sea Floor – Clark Regional Park – March 30 – 8:30 – 10 a.m.

- Come along for the fun, we're going on a paleo run! Don't be late, it won't be drab - we're going to look for shells and crab! Join us for a guided tour of the Clark Regional Park hillside fossil bed, followed by a trip to the Interpretive Center. Closed-toe shoes are required due to uneven terrain, and sun protection and water are recommended. The tour will meet next to parking lot A for a brief introduction. We will then walk north across Rosecrans Avenue to visit the fossil bed. After the hillside exploration we will return to the south side of Rosecrans Avenue and visit the Interpretive Center.

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Guided Beach Walk and Clean-Up – Salt Creek Beach – March 30 – 1 – 3 p.m.

- There's more to the beach than relaxing in the sun or playing in the waves on a hot summer day! Join OC Parks staff and volunteers for a casual walk along the sand at Salt Creek Beach to learn about the different flora and fauna that live along southern California beaches. The beach is a dynamic habitat, so no two walks are the same! This program will also include a discussion on marine pollution and a brief beach cleanup.

VII. COMMISSION COMMENTS AND REPORT

At this time Commissioners may comment on agenda or non-agenda matters, provided that no action may be taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT *7:03 p.m.*

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FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2024 — 9:00 a.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Chair Shawver, Vice Chair Ashland, and Commissioners Warren (arrived at 9:12 a.m.) and Jones (arrived at 9:14 a.m.) were present. Commissioners Diaz, Hanson, and Weigand were absent.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

At this time, members of the public may address the Commission on items of public interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission and are not contained in tonight's agenda.

No comments were received from the public.

III. GEORGE KEY RANCH HISTORIC PARK TOUR

George Key Ranch Historic Park is a 2.2-acre facility with a historic house, museum, garden, and orange grove. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and provides the public a look into Orange County's citrus industry history. Built in 1898, the historic home was reopened in November 2021 following extensive repairs after sustaining damage from the 2014 La Habra earthquake.

- **9:00 a.m.:** George Key Ranch Historic Park
Address: 625 W. Bastanchury Road, Placentia, CA 92870
 - Commissioner parking will be in parking lot to the right as one enters the George Key Ranch Historic Park from West Bastanchury Road. Members of the public are invited to park on Gilman Circle and then enter on foot through the entrance located on West Bastanchury Road.
- **9:10 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.:**
 - Stop #1 – Citrus Industry History
 - Brief overview of citrus industry in Orange County and its connection to George Key and his family.
 - Stop #2 – Verse Garden
 - Tour of the Verse Garden and overview of the efforts to revitalize the garden areas.
 - Stop #3 – George Key Historic House
 - Tour of the historic house.
 - Overview of George Key and his family history.
 - Overview of the historic house and its history as an OC Parks historic site.

Dennis Shaffer, OC Parks Operations Manager, introduced staff, provided information about the facility, and answered the Commissioners' questions.

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Katie McKay, OC Parks Historic Curator, led the tour, provided information about the facility, and answered the Commissioners' questions.

IV. ADJOURNMENT 9:52 a.m.



Summer Events Preview

OC Parks Commission
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Rancho Days Fiesta

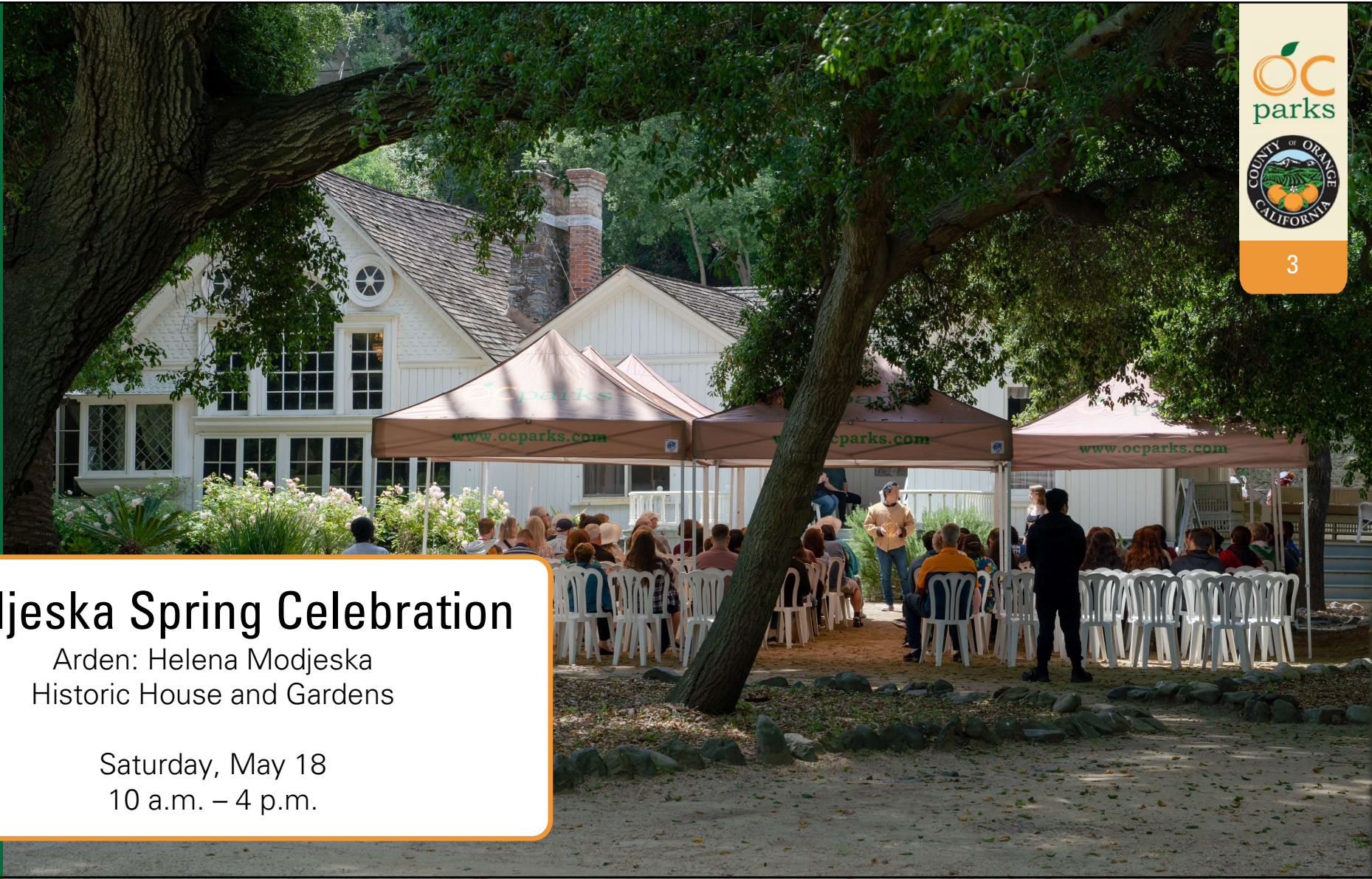
Heritage Hill Historic Park

Saturday, May 4
11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Modjeska Spring Celebration

Arden: Helena Modjeska
Historic House and Gardens

Saturday, May 18
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

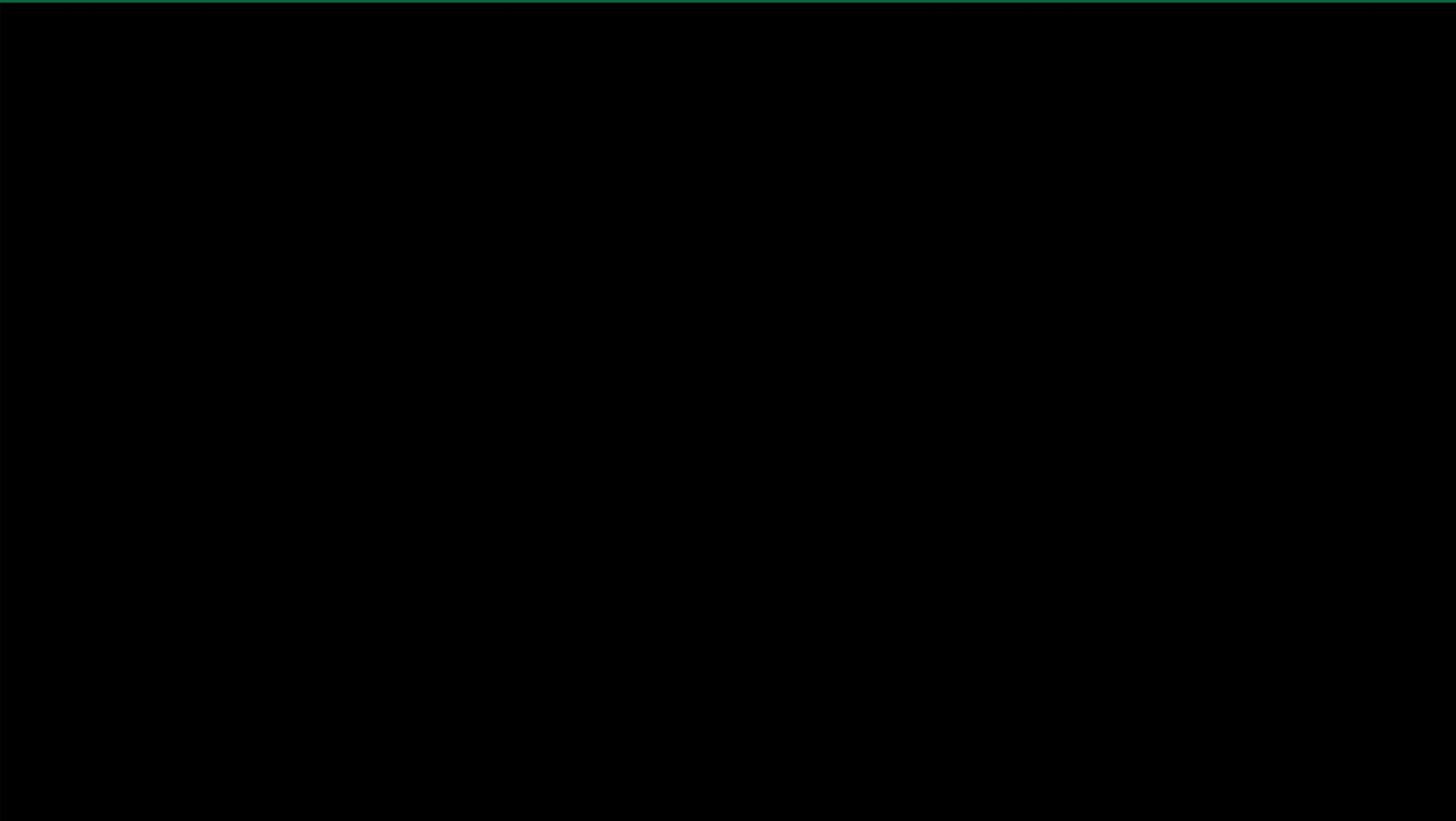


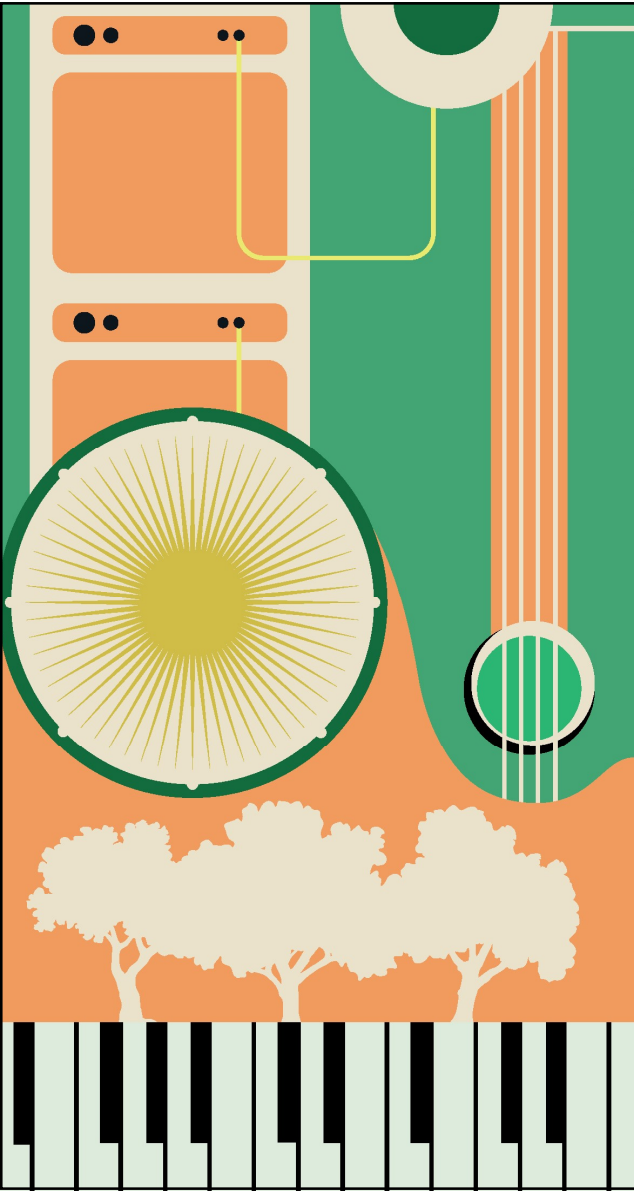
Wilderness Access Day

Red Rock Wilderness

Saturday, May 18

8 a.m. – 2 p.m.





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AND PITA CANTA

📍 CRAIG REGIONAL PARK
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JUL 11 FLASHBACK HEART ATTACK
AND TOM SOLIS

📍 MASON REGIONAL PARK
18712 UNIVERSITY DR. | IRVINE

JUL 18 A THOUSAND HORSES
AND DAVID ROSALES & HIS BAND OF SCOUNDRELS

📍 IRVINE REGIONAL PARK
1 IRVINE PARK RD. | ORANGE

JUL 25 NO DUH: THE ULTIMATE TRIBUTE TO NO DOUBT
AND CASSIE B.

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AUG 01 OZOMATLI
AND KYNG

📍 MILE SQUARE REGIONAL PARK
16801 EUCLID ST. | FOUNTAIN VALLEY

AUG 08 BIG BAD VODOO DADDY
AND SHEA GIVENS

📍 MILE SQUARE REGIONAL PARK
16801 EUCLID ST. | FOUNTAIN VALLEY

AUG 15 THE FABBA SHOW
AND KIRA MORRISON

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33333 S. PCH | DANA POINT

AUG 22 JIMMY'S BUFFET
AND KAMAKI KEAWE

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JUN | **MEN IN BLACK**
★ RATED PG-13 (1997)

28 CARBON CANYON REGIONAL PARK
4442 CARBON CANYON RD. | BREA

JUL | **NATIONAL TREASURE**
★ RATED PG (2004)

26 YORBA REGIONAL PARK
7600 E. LA PALMA AVE. | ANAHEIM

AUG | **THE SUPER MARIO BROS. MOVIE**
★ RATED PG (2023)

16 LAGUNA NIGUEL REGIONAL PARK
28241 LA PAZ RD. | LAGUNA NIGUEL

JUN | **THE LITTLE RASCALS**
★ RATED PG (1994)

14 CRAIG REGIONAL PARK
3300 STATE COLLEGE BLVD. | FULLERTON

JUL | **TROLLS BAND TOGETHER**
★ RATED PG (2023)

12 MASON REGIONAL PARK
18712 UNIVERSITY DR. | IRVINE

AUG | **FROZEN II**
★ RATED PG (2019)

02 IRVINE REGIONAL PARK
1 IRVINE PARK RD. | ORANGE

AUG | **13 GOING ON 30**
★ RATED PG-13 (2004)

23 LAGUNA NIGUEL REGIONAL PARK
28241 LA PAZ RD. | LAGUNA NIGUEL

JUN | **MIGRATION**
★ RATED PG (2023)

21 CARBON CANYON REGIONAL PARK
4442 CARBON CANYON RD. | BREA

JUL | **BARBIE**
★ RATED PG-13 (2023)

19 YORBA REGIONAL PARK
7600 E. LA PALMA AVE. | ANAHEIM

AUG | **NAPOLEON DYNAMITE**
★ RATED PG (2004)

09 IRVINE REGIONAL PARK
1 IRVINE PARK RD. | ORANGE

AUG | **THE GOONIES**
★ RATED PG (1985)

30 BLUFF PARK AT SALT CREEK BEACH
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Star Wars Day

OC Zoo

Saturday, June 29

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.



Summer Citrus Festival

George Key Ranch Historic House

Saturday, August 3
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.



EVENTS

Location

- Any -

Apply



today

May 2024

month

week

day

list

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1	2	3	
6:30a Early Morning Hi... 7a Intro to Cardio Hike... 3p Family Hike-Dilley	6:30a Early Morning Hi...	7:30a Tuesday Morning... 9a Dripping Springs Tra...	3p Adaptation Spotligh... 6p After Work Fitness ...	8:30a Fitness Hike - Rid...	6:30a Early Morning Hi... 8a Morning Hike at Gy... 10a Toddler Treks 10:15a Animal Art I Pre... +1 more	6:30a Advanced Cardic... 8a Wilderness Access .. 8a Wilderness Access .. 8a Trail Stewardship - ... +7 more
		7	8	9	10	11
		e Sinks... orning... Hike - ... Oaks i...	8a Wildfire Awareness ... 9:30a Biking the Bay 5:30p After Work Card... 6p After Work Fitness ...	8:30a Fitness Hike - Wi... 9:30a Butterfly Series: ... 9:30a Little Explorers: ... 10a The Lure and Lull o...	8a Open Space Invader... 10a Toddler Treks 5:30p Twilight Fitness ...	7a Fremont Loop Dista... 7a FREEKS Ride: Clock... 7a Intro to Cardio Hike... 7:30a Demonstration C... +8 more
12	13	14	15	16	17	18

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Arden: Helena Modjeska Historic House & Gardens — Stone House Restoration

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Pleasants Family



- Joseph and Mary Pleasants
 - Early pioneers of Orange County
 - Wave of settlers to West after Homestead Act
 - Mary was from prominent Carpenters and Refugios
 - Most notable beekeeper
 - County's first Bee Inspector 1902–1927
- Original cottage built onsite in 1874
- Stone House built in 1876
 - Stored supplies in hot summers and cool winters
 - Protected food from bears and other wildlife

Helena Modjeska

- Joseph Pleasants befriended Modjeska in Anaheim
 - She and her husband visited ranch many times
 - First introduction to canyons
- Mary Pleasants dies in 1888
 - Joseph Pleasants sells the property to the Modjeskas
 - Architect Stanford White is hired to design plans for cottage
 - Oldest known building west of the Mississippi River designed by Stanford White



Pleasants Family Cottage



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Stone House Restoration



- First floor completed in 2007
 - Each stone was documented then removed by hand
 - Shoring of interior walls
 - Restoration of foundation
 - Stones replaced and new mortar applied
- “Save America’s Treasures” Grant Application
 - Highly competitive National Park Service grant
 - Preserve nationally significant historic properties
 - Awarded in 2017
 - Noted site for rare storytelling of immigrant woman
 - 1 of 9 historic sites in America (2 in California)
 - \$153,016 awarded

Stone House Restoration



Before first floor restoration



After first floor restoration

Stone House Restoration

- Scope of Restoration
 - Repair of wood exterior and interior
 - Squaring the structure for straight and level
 - New shingle roof
 - New entrance stairs
- Restoration Work
 - Much of the restoration was done onsite
 - Some work done in offsite warehouse
 - All exterior and interior wood was removed
 - 4,000 shingles hand installed over 3 weeks
 - “By the most skilled and patient restoration carpenters in California”
- KC Restoration
- 30th Street Architects





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ORANGE COUNTY PARKS COMMISSION

STAFF REPORT

FROM: Pam Passow, Director, OC Parks

DATE: May 2, 2024

SUBJECT: OC Parks Trails Subcommittee Members Term Extension

On July 7, 2022, the Commission appointed Deborah Ball and Suzanne Martin to serve as members of the OC Parks Trails Subcommittee (Subcommittee) for two-year terms, consistent with the Commission-approved Subcommittee Guidelines. Members Ball and Martin's terms are about to expire and they have expressed interest in continuing their service on the Subcommittee.

Member Ball is a hiker, cyclist, and equestrian. She also has experience as an Irvine Ranch Conservancy trail guide and docent, OC Zoo volunteer, and Wildlife ACT Conservation volunteer. Renewal of Member Ball's membership on the Subcommittee would support a balanced representation of the various trail user groups and benefit from Members with Subcommittee experience.

Member Martin is a hiker, cyclist, and equestrian. She also has experience as a volunteer for mountain bike events and has been involved with Warriors Society. Renewal of Member Martin's membership on the Subcommittee would support a balanced representation of the various trail user groups and benefit from Members with Subcommittee experience.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

1. Renew the membership of OC Parks Trails Subcommittee Member Deborah Ball for an additional two-year term, expiring on July 7, 2026.
2. Renew the membership of OC Parks Trails Subcommittee Member Suzanne Martin for an additional two-year term, expiring on July 7, 2026.



Pam Passow