

# THE NEWS AT TWELVE

Quarterly Newsletter from D12 Board



## A MESSAGE FROM THE D12 BOARD

Happy New Year D12 members! As we welcome in 2021, the D12 board is looking forward to seeing some of our annual events getting back to normal or rather the *new normal*. 2020 showed us all that we are resilient and able to deftly adapt to change. Some of the lessons learned will continue to be used as we navigate through 2021 and hopefully see an end to the pandemic. How we recreate has evolved and D12 is proud of how all of our members stepped up to create fun and meaningful opportunities for the communities we serve. Bring on 2021!

**Join D12 in the District Dash  
page 15 for details**

### D12 BOARD MEMBERS 2020 - 2021

#### President

*Shannon Bullock, City of El Cajon*

#### President-Elect

*Andrea Gonzalez, City of San Marcos*

#### Vice President

*Ken Rundle, City of Encinitas*

#### Director of Programming

*Heather Carter, City of El Cajon*

#### Director of Communications

*Brooke Walsh, City of La Mesa*

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*Christy Vasquez, City of Chula Vista*

#### Secretary

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#### Legislative Representative

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*Joanne McGhee, County of San Diego*

#### Aquatics Section

*Nicole McNeil, City of San Diego*

#### Therapeutics Section

*Gerald Cunanan, City of San Diego*

#### Educators Section

*KJ LeCesne, SDSU*

#### Recreation Section

*Berenice Garcia, City of San Diego*

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#### Director of Training & Development

*Kevin Payton, County of San Diego*

#### Student Section

*Savannah Mondragon, SDSU*

#### Director of Sponsorship

*Johnny Chou, City of San Diego*

#### Regional Director

*Buck Martin, City of San Marcos*

#### Member at Large

*Joanne McGhee, County of San Diego*

#### Student Representative

*Shealyn Imgarten, SDSU*

# NEW YEAR, NEW START

D12 Winter Newsletter to Begin 2021

# START 2021

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## PRESIDENT'S OUTGOING MESSAGE

Shannon Bullock

This year as President of District 12 has definitely been one to remember. Our board started the 2020 planning for the annual Awards Breakfast and heading to the CPRS Conference. We had talked about a theme for the year and had settled on **Vision 2020**.

The goal for the District 12 Board this year was to get completely online. Have all forms, information, sign-up forms, scholarships, and etc. electronic to make it easier for you our members to get information and apply for workshops, trainings, awards, and etc. online.

We couldn't have even predicted with COVID-19 how much this would be needed for our board and the entire CPRS community last year. I am happy to say that as board we have completed our goal of having everything online for 2020 and moving forward.

Through the pandemic and the changes in our jobs and the need for parks and recreation agencies we at District 12 have still come together to help the members. I am very proud to look back on this year and see how hard this board worked to get everything online and still provide training and information for the members as well as the occasional social.

This has been a year of many things but being proud of all the successes is definitely how I will remember 2020.



2020 - 2021 CPRS DISTRICT 12 BOARD



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City of El Cajon



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Heather Carter  
City of El Cajon



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City of San Diego



*TREASURER*  
Christy Vasquez  
City of Chula Vista



*Legislative Representative*  
Nick Buck  
City of Encinitas



*SECRETARY & Director of Communications*  
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Remember to vote!

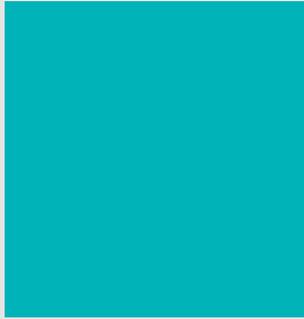
# PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER

# 2021 Resolutions

For the Outdoors



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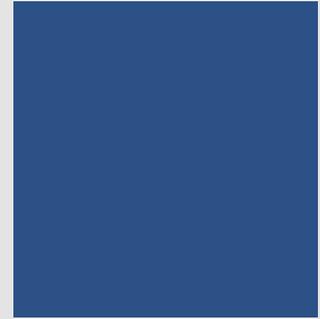
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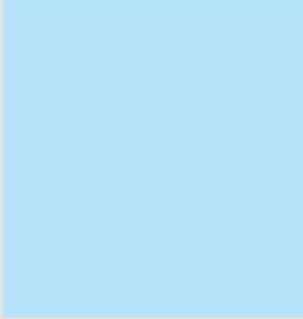
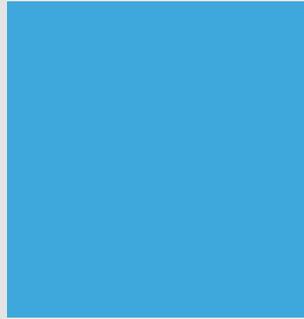
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- Shannon** - Learn to fly fish
- Andrea** - Take time to enjoy more sunsets
- Johnny** - When leg heals go on more hikes
- Christy** - Hike with family & enjoy the outdoors
- Brooke** - Swim a faster mile
- Heather** - Go on camping trips with family
- Kevin** - introduce at least one new person to the my favorite outdoor locations each month
- Ken** - Get more outdoor exercise

Share your outdoor resolutions with us and be featured on our Instagram page.

Send a photo and one sentence to:  
[cprsd12@gmail.com](mailto:cprsd12@gmail.com)



# Annual D12 Parks & Recreation Awards



## Online Award Applications Are Open!

This year it is so important to recognize park and recreation professionals and ideas that have been bright spots in a challenging time.

**ALL AWARDS AWARDS ARE  
NOMINATED BY THE DISTRICT  
12 MEMBERS AND SELECTED  
BY THE DISTRICT 12 AWARDS  
COMMITTEE**

### DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS:

**Monday, February 1, 2021 @ 5:00 PM**

#### **Ray Butler Career Achievement Award**

Recognizing a professional with outstanding leadership and significant contributions  
<https://tinyurl.com/D12CareerAchievement>

#### **Parks Make Life Better Spotlight Award**

Categories: Program, Facility, Park Design, Event  
<https://tinyurl.com/D12ParksMakeLifeBetterAward>

#### **MVP (Full time) Award**

Recognizing a full-time employee for their leadership and outstanding contributions  
<https://tinyurl.com/D12MVPAward>

#### **MVPP (Part time) Award - ONE FREE**

Recognizing a part-time employee for their outstanding contributions  
<https://tinyurl.com/D12MVPPAward>

#### **HERO Award**

Recognizing a volunteer who has displayed exceptional dedication, talent, and enthusiasm  
<https://tinyurl.com/D12HEROAward>

#### **Community Champions Award**

Recognizing a volunteer who has displayed exceptional dedication, talent, and enthusiasm  
<https://tinyurl.com/D12CommunityChampionAward>

#### **D12 Impact Award**

Recognizing an individual or organization that has made a substantial and meaningful impact  
<https://tinyurl.com/D12ImpactAward>

# The Future of Recreation



Apply Now for Cash Scholarship Awards

**Deadline to Apply:**

Friday, January 22, 2021 at 5:00 pm

## Past Presidents Award

### College Students

1st place award is \$1,000 and if more than one scholarship awarded 2nd place and additional awards will be between \$500 - \$1,000

## Park & Recreation Professional

### Parks & Recreation Professionals

1st place award is \$500.00 and if more than one scholarship awarded 2nd place and additional awards will be between \$250 - \$500



Apply Online:

<https://tinyurl.com/2021D12SCHOLARSHIP>

**DONATE TO THE D12 SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

JUST \$2.00 PER MEMBER CAN HELP FUND  
AN EXTRA SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2021!

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/D12SCHOLARSHIPDONATION](https://tinyurl.com/d12scholarshipdonation)



## Fred Brooks Scholarship

The Brooks Scholarship was created by the CPRS Development and Operations Section in the name of Fred A. Brooks EdD., an outstanding educator, park and recreational resource planner and manager and organizational administrator. The purpose of the scholarship is to bring attention to his accomplishments and dedication to his field of endeavor as an example for others and to support the education and development of young professionals in fields of study related to the planning, design, construction and management of public spaces, parks, and natural resources.

This scholarship is awarded via the California Foundation for Parks and Recreation. Visit [www.cprs.org/resources/student-scholarships](http://www.cprs.org/resources/student-scholarships) for information on the Brooks scholarship or additional opportunities!

***Due Date: November 2021***

## CPRS Maintenance Management School (MMS)

MMS is the premier park management training opportunity in the western United States. MMS features First Year, Second Year and Graduate programs, and the opportunity to network with top park management professionals from city, county, special district and state agencies in the western and southwestern United States. The subject matter is taught by industry-leading park professionals, consultants, vendors and public officials.

Visit [www.cprs.org/developmentoperationssection/home](http://www.cprs.org/developmentoperationssection/home) for more information.

Scholarship opens April 1, 2021 for applications.

***Applications are due August 31, 2021***



To stay up to date on all of the latest District 12 information, be sure to like us on Facebook and Instagram!

CPRS DISTRICT 12



@CPRSDISTRICT12

*Virtual Learning Opportunities***CPRS UPCOMING TRAININGS**


**SAVE THE DATES!**

Tuesday, January 26, 2021  
Tuesday, February 2, 2021  
10:00-11:30 a.m.

FREE Virtual Trainings!  
\*More info available SOON\*

Sponsored by:

**Splash of CAMS**  
California Aquatic Management School

**NEW**

**cprs**  
aquatics

**AQUATICS SECTION**

The Aquatics Section is sponsoring a few FREE virtual trainings in the coming weeks, so mark your calendars! Keep an eye out for more detailed information and registration details by next week.

**Sessions will be held on Tuesday, January 26 and Tuesday, February 2 from 10:00-11:30 a.m.**

**RECREATION THERAPY INSTITUTE**

*This collection of educational sessions is a great opportunity to earn continuing education hours for your required certification. The program also offers networking with other therapists during each learning exchange. Improve your knowledge and skills in this dynamic field of therapy—all in one day of learning!*

**Stay tuned for more information on RT Institute 2021.**

**For more training opportunities visit:**

**[www.cprs.org/education](http://www.cprs.org/education)**

# D12 BOARD MEMBERS SAYING GOODBYE

THE AWESOME PEOPLE BEHIND THE BOARD OF 2019 - 2021



**SHANNON BULLOCK**  
PRESIDENT, PRESIDENT  
ELECT & VICE PRESIDENT



**JOHNNY CHOU**  
DEVELOPMENT/OPERATIONS  
SECTION & DIRECTOR OF  
SPONSORSHIP



**NICK BUCK**  
LEGISLATIVE  
REPRESENTATIVE



**CHRISTY VASQUEZ**  
TREASURER



**REMEMBER TO VOTE**  
SEE NEXT PAGE  
FOR DETAILS



**AUDREY DENHAM**  
ADMINISTRATOR  
SECTION

## IT TAKES A TEAM OF GREAT PEOPLE WHO VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME



As the 2020 - 2021 District 12 Board year comes to a close, we are sad to have to say goodbye to some of our board members. We want to say **Thank You** to them for their dedication and support to the **Parks & Recreation Profession** as well as the **District 12 Board!**



# CPRS ELECTIONS

**VOTING BEGINS**  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13TH**

## **DISTRICT 12** **BOARD CANDIDATES**

### **Vice President**

Tracy Stayton  
Recreation Area Manager  
City of Carlsbad

### **Treasurer**

Heather Carter  
Recreation Services Supervisor  
City of El Cajon

## **STATE BOARD CANDIDATES**

### **Vice President**

**Doug Grove**, President of RHA Landscape Architects-Planners, Inc  
**Helen Hernandez**, Program Supervisor, City of Baldwin Park  
**Cortez Jordan**, Aquatics Supervisor, City of West Hollywood  
**Koko Panossian**, Deputy Director, City of Glendale

### **Secretary/Treasurer**

**Nicole Acquisti**, Recreation Manager, City of Burlingame  
**Todd Sebastian**, Superintendent of Parks & Recreation, City of Lathrop

### **Section Representative**

**Teri deRosier**, Supervisor, Cosumnes Community Services District  
**Brandon Taylor**, Assistant Professor, CSU Fresno  
**Tiarra Warner**, Recreation Supervisor, City of Beverly Hills

**CHECK YOUR EMAIL:****CPRS ELECTIONS NOW OPEN!****Vote Now, Elections Close  
January 24**

*You should have received an email from John (john@cprs.org) with your login information to vote. The email was sent on Wednesday, January 13.*

*Let's try to get D12 to have a good election turn out this year!*

**Aquatics Awards**

Your CPRS Aquatics Section Board of Directors is very excited to offer the Aquatics Section Awards Program for 2020! This awards program was created to recognize innovative creative and healthy programs, outstanding marketing campaigns, while recognizing hardworking Aquatic professionals.

**Award Categories:**

- \* Rising Star
- \* Professional Achievement
- \* Innovative Programming
- \* Health & Wellness
- \* Social Media & Marketing

**Don't delay...****Entry deadline: Thursday,  
January 21, 2021**

We bet if you ask real nice, they might help you out

**Application available online at:  
[forms.gle/EY9X6hqb4DR16cmy7](https://forms.gle/EY9X6hqb4DR16cmy7)**

# NEW PARK OPENINGS



## SAN DIEGO PARKS AND RECREATION MARUTA GARDNER PLAYGROUND IN BONITA COVE

LOCATED RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE  
ICONIC BELMONT PARK ROLLER COASTER.



## COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO PARKS & RECREATION ESTRELLA PARK

LOCATED IN CASA DE ORO (SPRING VALLEY)  
A NEW NATURE PLAYGROUND

This new park uses natural elements to create unique play spaces that stimulate and encourage cognitive skills, critical thinking, problem solving and improved concentration.



WANT TO BE FEATURED IN THE NEWSLETTER?

SEND INFO TO [D12CPRS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:D12CPRS@GMAIL.COM)





Your newly formed A-Team (Legislative Committee) has been working diligently on behalf of the Board of Directors and the CPRS membership over the past three months. The A-Team acts a liaison between CPRS and the State Legislature. In that role we work to keep our legislators aware of CPRS, keep our members informed about current legislation, and work to encourage members to contact their individual representatives when advocacy is needed.

On September 4, 2020, Governor Newsom announced that he has signed AB-2257 (worker classification: employees and independent contractors: occupations: professional services), the follow up legislation to AB-5. The emergency measure, which took effect immediately, contains several new exemptions and revises existing law related to exemptions for business-to-business relationships, referral agencies, professional services, and performance artists. With this new emergency measure being implemented,

CPRS believes that many agencies may still have questions regarding engaging independent contractors, as they provide services that are integral to their operations. In an effort to address questions and seek clarifications, the A-Team is requesting that you submit any questions you may have regarding AB2257 to CPRS Headquarters via email [stephanie@cprs.org](mailto:stephanie@cprs.org) by January 15, 2021. The A-Team will then work with appropriate State agencies in an effort to develop an FAQ fact sheet.

As always, we encourage you as a CPRS member to contact your state representative and senator, inform them of our profession and make yourself a resource. If you become a resource before you need their ear and assistance on an issue of importance to the Parks and Recreation community, you can have a far greater impact!

**Todd Sebastian, CPRP - A-Team Legislative Committee Chair**

**Cindy Bagley - A-Team Chair**

**#CPRSD12**

[d12cprs@gmail.com](mailto:d12cprs@gmail.com)



**CPRS 2020 CONFERENCE GOING VIRTUAL**

**CONNECTIONS VIRTUAL, MARCH 22-26, 2021**  
WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON INCLUDING  
SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES, EXPO SPECIFICS AND YES,  
EVEN SOME FUN WAYS TO CONNECT. STAY TUNED!

**REGISTRATION FEES \$295 FOR MEMBERS \$395 FOR NON-MEMBERS**

**THE CALL FOR SESSIONS ONLINE FORM  
IS NOW OPEN!**

Be one of our presenters at the premiere virtual  
Park & Recreation Conference on the West Coast!

<https://www.cprs.org/education/conference>

**Save  
the  
date**

**BUT YOU'LL HAVE  
TO WAIT....**

**April 21, 2021**

**ANNUAL AWARDS &  
INSTALLATION BANQUET  
DETAILS COMING SOON!**



## THERE'S STILL TIME TO DASH!

RUN, WALK, SWIM, BIKE, ROLL,  
PADDLE, JUST MOVE YOURSELF  
THROUGH THE DISTRICTS!

Complete 225 miles\* by March 12, 2021  
to finish the challenge!

### Who can Dash?

Anyone interested!  
Challenge your co-workers  
to Dash with you!  
Invite your friends,  
neighbors, kids and pets...

### Need more info?

JOHN@CPRS.ORG  
STEPHANIE@CPRS.ORG

### Register Here:

[HTTPS://WWW.CPRS.ORG/GET-INVOLVED/CPRS-DISTRICT-DASH](https://www.cprs.org/get-involved/cprs-district-dash)

### Why Dash?

- To engage in something FUN!
- To challenge us all to get moving and be active
- To celebrate YOU, CPRS agencies and our health
- To virtually visit each of our 15 CPRS Districts and connect with one another in a fun new way

### \$30 PER DASHER

Once registered, you'll receive a link to join our team in the Challenge Runner app.

The app is able to connect to your personal fitness trackers or you can manual enter your progress.

District 12 is the finish line!

\*Biking will require 20 miles per week; your mileage will be automatically adjusted so that 20 miles ridden will equate to 15 miles in the Dash, to make all things equal among all Dash styles Swimming 1 mile will automatically be adjusted to 3 miles running/walking.



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2019 | 2020 | 2021

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THANK YOU!**



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or call 619-616-8272.**

## UPCOMING ITEMS



### INTERESTED IN MENTORING

Mentoring Program Begins in January  
For more Information contact:

**Kevin Payton, Director of Training & Development**  
Kevin.Payton@sdcounty.ca.gov  
619-667-6834



### DISTRICT 12 ONLINE BOARD MEETINGS

D12 Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at 11:00 am. To get Zoom information contact:

**Brooke Walsh, Director of Communications**  
bwalsh@cityoflamesa.us  
619.667.1495



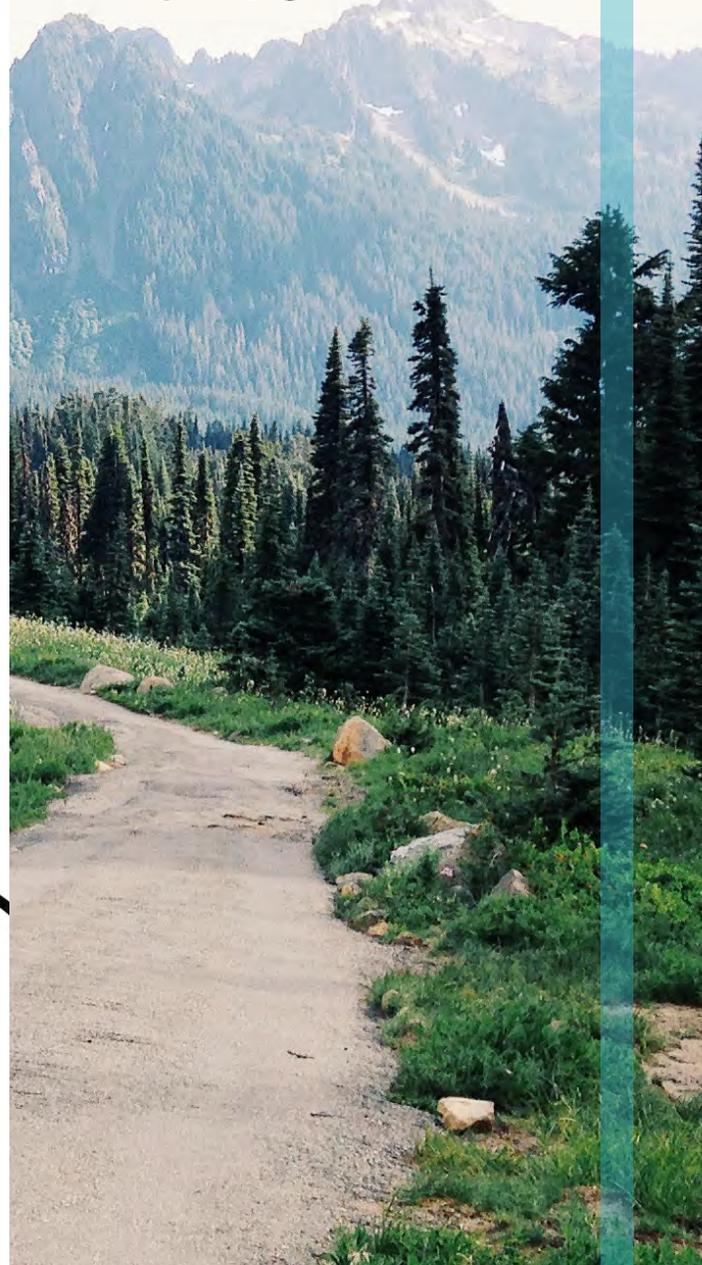
## IS YOUR CITY PLANNING ANY NEW OUTDOOR CLASSES OR EVENTS?

### SHARE THEM WITH D12



#CPRSD12

d12cprs@gmail.com





D12 Sponsorship

# THANK YOU TO OUR 2020 SPONSORS



Download Sponsorship Brochure:

<https://tinyurl.com/D12SponsorshipBrochure>

# NOW ACCEPTING SPONSORS FOR THE 2021 - 2022 YEAR!

Contact Andrea Gonzalez for more  
information at:

[Andrea.Gonzalez@san-marcos.net](mailto:Andrea.Gonzalez@san-marcos.net)