

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
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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.



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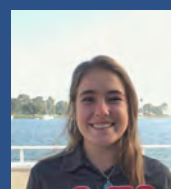
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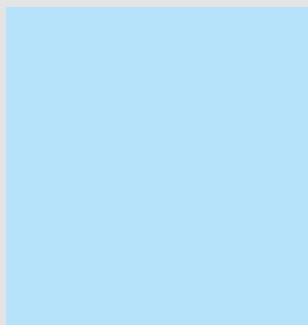
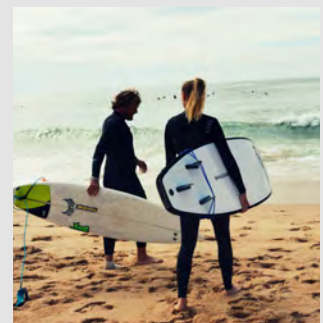
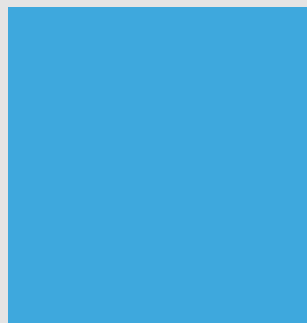
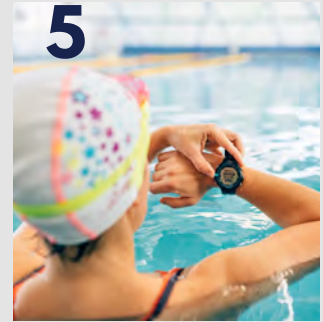
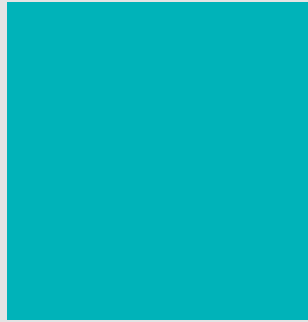
Student Section Rep.
Savannah Mondragon
RTSA - SDSU

Remember to vote!

PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER

2021 Resolutions

For the Outdoors



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



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 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 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 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



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Virtual Learning Opportunities

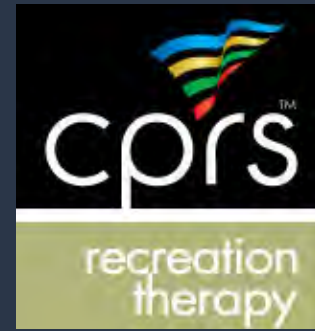
CPRS UPCOMING TRAININGS



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

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

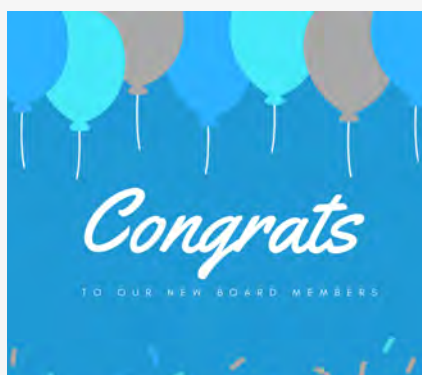
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FOR DETAILS



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

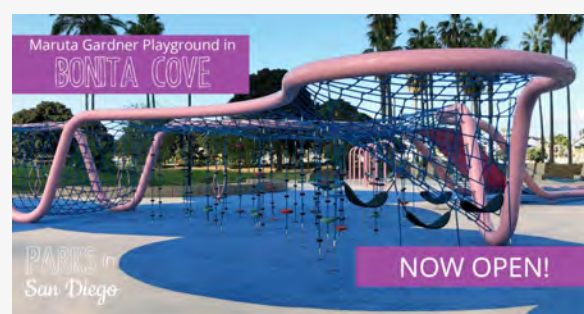
**Application available online at:
forms.gle/EY9X6hqb4DR16cmy7**

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



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 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

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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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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





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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:

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