

Monthly Newsletter



◆ RIVERBANK PARKS AND RECREATION

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Welcome to the very first Riverbank Parks and Recreation Monthly Newsletter!

Message from the Director, Michael Patton:

Welcome to the very first edition of the Riverbank Parks & Recreation Newsletter — your new inside pass to everything fun, active, and happening in our community.

We created this newsletter because there is so much going on in Riverbank, and we don't want you to miss a single opportunity. From youth sports and swim lessons to fitness classes, festivals, park improvements, and family events, our department is constantly rolling out new ways for you and your family to get involved — and this is the easiest way to stay in the loop.

By following this newsletter, you'll get reminders about registration deadlines for our fantastic programs, early notice of new classes and events, updates on park and facility improvements, and exclusive tips.

Whether it's snagging a spot in a popular class before it fills up, planning your month around a community event, or learning about a new amenity coming to your favorite park, this newsletter is designed to help you stay one step ahead.

Our goal is simple: make it easier for you to have more fun in Riverbank. We want you using our parks, joining our programs, cheering on our teams, and creating memories with the people you care about. Thank you for being part of our community and for supporting Riverbank Parks & Recreation. We can't wait to keep sharing all the exciting things we have planned with you — right here, every month.

Michael Patton

In this newsletter you can expect:

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2nd Annual Polar Plunge

Kicking off 2026 with a splash, the 2nd Annual Polar Bear Plunge brought energy and excitement to the Riverbank Community Pool on January 1. Dutch Bros graciously donated hot chocolate for our guests. We also offered soup, water, and each participant who took the plunge received a medal! The sky was gray, and the cold wind swirled, but that did not stop over 100 brave souls from taking the plunge into the frigid waters. With the sun making an appearance, smiles on so many faces, and the appreciation from the community, the 2nd annual plunge was a success once again!



My Little One and Me Valentines Dinner & Dance



Get ready for a Valentine's night out with your little one! The City of Riverbank Parks & Recreation Department is excited to host the 3rd Annual My Little One & Me Dinner Dance, a heartwarming evening created for parents, guardians, and children to celebrate love, family, and togetherness.

The event is from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Riverbank Community Center, 3600 Santa Fe Street in Riverbank. For \$45, a parent and 1 child can enjoy an evening of fun, with additional guests \$15. Tickets can be purchased on Eventbrite [here](#) or purchased at the door.

Enjoy an enchanting evening of family fun with dinner and dessert, music and dancing, creative crafts, a photo booth, and plenty of moments to make memories together.

For more information about the event and how to participate, please contact the City of Riverbank Parks & Recreation Department at 209-863-7150.



Program Spotlight: Riverbank Family Explorers



Little adventurers ages 18 months–6 years are invited to explore, sing, and discover in this hands-on outdoor nature program! 🌿🐛 Each week brings a brand-new adventure—from bird watching to wiggly worm hunts 🐛, songs, stories, and plenty of exploration. 🌞🦋

This program is held at Jacob Myers Park on Fridays. Session 5 will be held on the following dates, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, and March 13, and 20 from 10 am - 11:30 a.m. for ages 1 to 6 for \$25. Register on riverbank.recdesk.com or use the QR code. ←

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Facility Report



The Riverbank Library has returned to its original location at 3442 Santa Fe Street and is no longer housed in the Teen Center. The Riverbank Teen Center, located next to the Community Center at 3600 A Santa Fe Street, is a welcoming space designed for students to relax, connect, and have fun after school. The center offers a variety of amenities, including a pool table, air hockey, games, organized activities, and computer access—all in a safe, supervised environment. Teen Center Hours:

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 3:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.
- Wednesday: 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Teens ages 12 to 18 can enjoy this center at no cost. For more information, please call 209-863-7150.

Bench Restored

Last month, a bench at Rotary Park sustained damage when an unauthorized vehicle drove across the grass.

Parks staff quickly responded and restored the bench to its original condition!



SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING! CALL 9-1-1 OR THE NON-EMERGENCY LINE AT 209-869-7162 AND HELP US TAKE CARE OF OUR PARKS!

Parks Make Life Better!



New Concrete Cans

Parks staff installed new concrete trash and recycling cans at Rotary Park.



Cleanup

Parks staff performed weed abatement and cleanup at the Jackson/Stanislaus property. This location will be the home of a new park for the community!



Community and Staff Highlights



Kelly Velasco

Kelly is the heart of Riverbank Family Explorers! 🌿 She has a gift for turning the outdoors into a magical classroom where curiosity leads the way.

When Kelly isn't leading explorers at Jacob Myers Park, you'll often find her hiking, crafting, or dreaming up new ways to make learning fun. ☀️



Sammi Martinez

Sammi Martinez with Love Riverbank is passionate about the Riverbank Community and is thrilled to be of service. She is part of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAC).

Sammi brings the love and the fun to the community with events like the 4th of July Bike Parade, and the Boo Bash.



Our Mission Statement:

The Riverbank Parks & Recreation Department is committed to providing the residents of Riverbank with a great place to live, work and recreate, which contributes to a more vibrant and diverse community. The department accomplishes this by delivering high quality programs and classes, well maintained parks, trails and open spaces, that are inclusive to fit the recreational needs of the residents of the City of Riverbank. All of our events and programs are designed to create lifelong memories and connections. We embrace the vision that "Parks Make Life Better" for everyone.



Angel De la Grande

Angel is a Senior Park Maintenance Worker and has been with the city for several years. He has certifications in different areas, including a Certified Pool Operator, CPSI, and a QAL holder. Angel assists in maintaining the parks, doing repairs, and he is always bringing positivity and good vibes! Angel is a 49er and Giants fan!



Naima Alvarez

Naima is part of our Recreation Team and has been doing a great job as a Program Specialist! She oversees operations at the Teen Center, ensuring a safe, welcoming, and enjoyable environment for all participants!

Naima has assisted in several events, like the Polar Plunge and Cheese and Wine. She has also participated in programs like Ballet Folklórico.





**City Hall Business Hours: Monday - Thursday
7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

Program Registration & Parks and Facility Rentals

In Person: Complete registration or rental application with payment at our Parks and Recreation Office, 6707 Third Street, Suite C in downtown Riverbank. Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Online: riverbank.recdesk.com, create an account/profile, select the program, class, session, park, or facility that you would like to register for or rent, and click "Register Now," complete the form, and payment. Or scan the QR code to get started.





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