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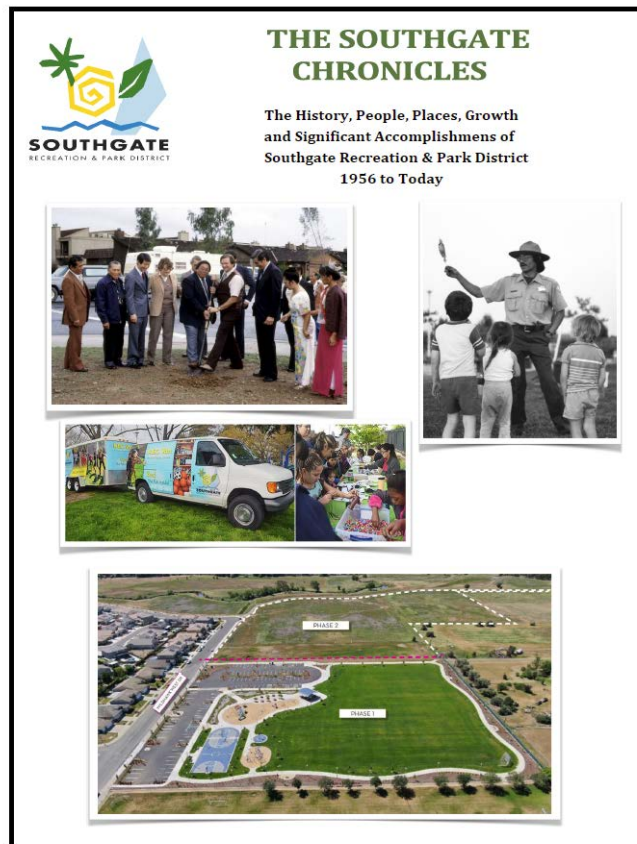


Outstanding Innovation - Nominee

Criteria: Honors unique or ground-breaking recreation programs, park maintenance practices, or District Operations.

Nominee: Southgate Chronicles

District: Southgate Recreation & Park District



District Submission:

Southgate Recreation & Park District nominates our District History Project: Southgate Chronicles for a California Association of Recreation and Park District 2022 Outstanding Innovation Award. The project summarizes District planning, facilities, staff and programs from the inception of the District to the present day. Through review of archived documents including newsletters, activity guides, and correspondence as well as interviews with former and current Board members and leadership, our staff created a concise

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historical summary telling the story of the District in words, timelines, charts, and photos. The timeline also traces District growth and expansion, and unique efforts made by staff to best support a growing and diverse region of South Sacramento. With a dedicated team of employees, the District History Project is a testament to the District's mission: to provide positive recreational opportunities, safe and attractive parks and open spaces, resulting in a healthier community.

As we reflect on our accomplishments, potential for improvement, and changes in Board and staff leadership, we can better focus on our goal as a District to promote groundbreaking recreation programs and facilities to our regional constituents. The District prides itself on being innovative, forward thinking, and supportive to the changing recreational needs of our community. We promote the parks and facilities that have served our residents well and improve their health and wellbeing. We are intentional in providing unique services to parks spread across different neighborhoods including BBQ spaces to socialize, playgrounds with modern features and safety equipment, dog parks, and lighted sports fields. No one should be left out of recreation and the right to play, and our expansion of parks throughout the years reflect that.

The District prides itself on being a leader and innovator for the region and looks forward to the expansion of numerous new parks and facilities in the coming year. We have had to adjust to considerable changes in income and ethnicity within our District. In 1990, the District was 54% White, 18% Hispanic, 15% Asian/Pacific Islander, 13% Black/African American and 1% American Indian/Eskimo. Thirty years later, in 2020 the District now is 34% Asian/Pacific Islander, 30% Hispanic, 18% White, 12% Black/African American, 5% Two or More Races, and 1% Other. The District History Project documents and promotes our unique and innovative solutions to our residents of diverse backgrounds through new grants, community surveys and outreach, accessible public information and outreach on social media, our website, and our newsletter.

As we promote unique facility constructions, rebuilds, renovations, and leadership in the District History Project, we can look boldly at future District projects that maximize service capacity and promote sustainability. Our funding partners at Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SECAT, Moyer, Lawn & Garden), CALeVIP, Hybrid Vehicle Incentive Program, and Sacramento Municipal Utility District Commercial Electric Vehicle Program allow the District to provide electric vehicle charging stations, LED lighting and more sustainable and cost-friendly options.

The District History Project enables the District to inform the community of its many unique accomplishments, groundbreaking programs, and recognition of its innovation through numerous awards.

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