

## Recreation Division Highlights

Thursday, October 12, 2023

### Thousand Oaks Teen Center

#### Block Party

On Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup> the Teen Center hosted its Backyard Block Party from 7-9:30pm. Over 150 teens, grades 6-8, came out and had a great time enjoying the DJ, playing on huge inflatables, taking pictures in the photo booth, and eating and drinking pizza and soda. We received lots of positive comments from attendees and are planning another similar event soon.



### Hillcrest Center for the Arts

#### Elementary Music

The Elementary Music program added three more band programs this fall to Conejo Academy, Madrona, and Walnut Elementary School. Through the partnership with Conejo Valley Unified School District's Extended Learning Opportunity Program (ELOP), we have been able to place 90 students in music programs across the district.

#### The Witches Princess

The set pieces, medieval armor, projections, and fantastical props are becoming assembled for Young Artist Ensemble's fall show *The Witches Princess*. Some describe it as an ancient folktale and epic heroic tale combined with humor in the vein of Monty Python. Attached is a photo of Grendel's Arm on one of the thrones.



Tickets for all events are available at [www.hillcrestarts.org](http://www.hillcrestarts.org). by visiting the box office, or calling 805-381-2747.

### Sports

#### Monster Smash Pickleball Tournament

The Sports Unit will be hosting, in coordination with partners from Ventura County Pickleball Club our Annual *Monster Smash Pickleball Tournament* at Rancho Conejo's 10 Courts. The tournament will be played on October 28 and 29. Over 100 players are signed up, playing in Division's 2.5 through 4.5. Mixed Doubles play on Saturday and Men's and Women's divisions play on Sunday. Both days will begin at 8am. Kirby Subaru is main Tournament Sponsor.

## Aquatic Recreation

### In-service Training

The Aquatics team held its first official off-season in-service training on Sunday, October 1. In-service training offers staff a time to meet as a group to discuss important announcements, refine lifesaving skills, and work on communication through team bonding exercises. The Aquatics unit currently has roughly 40 Lifeguards, Swim Instructors, and Management staff for the 2023-2024 season.



## Thousand Oaks Community Center

### Haunted Trail

Our annual *Haunted Trail & Costume Contest* will be held Saturday, October 21 from 6-9:00p.m. at the Thousand Oaks Community Center. Only a few tickets remain in our 8:50 pm and 8:55 pm time slots, but there will be a stand-by line for the trail. In addition to our Haunted Trail & Costume Contest, we will also have a reptile show, *Trunk or Treat Street*, games, crafts, petting zoo, and inflatables for participants to enjoy.



### Movies in the Park

Thousand Oaks Community Center wrapped up our 2023 Summer Movies on Friday, September 29 with *Top Gun: Maverick*. Before the movie, participants enjoyed playing giant volleyball, football, and a movie knowledge quiz. We had around 100 people from the community come to enjoy the screening.

## Conejo Community Center

### Plantapalooza

On Saturday, October 7 Conejo Center staff ran the craft booth at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual *Conejo Open Space Foundation (COSF) Plantapalooza* at Conejo Creek North Park. The kids had a blast making nature-themed crafts using common place materials like pinecones and planting pots. The event was a huge success overall and those that enjoyed our booth loved the opportunity to make crafts that promote outdoor education and fun!



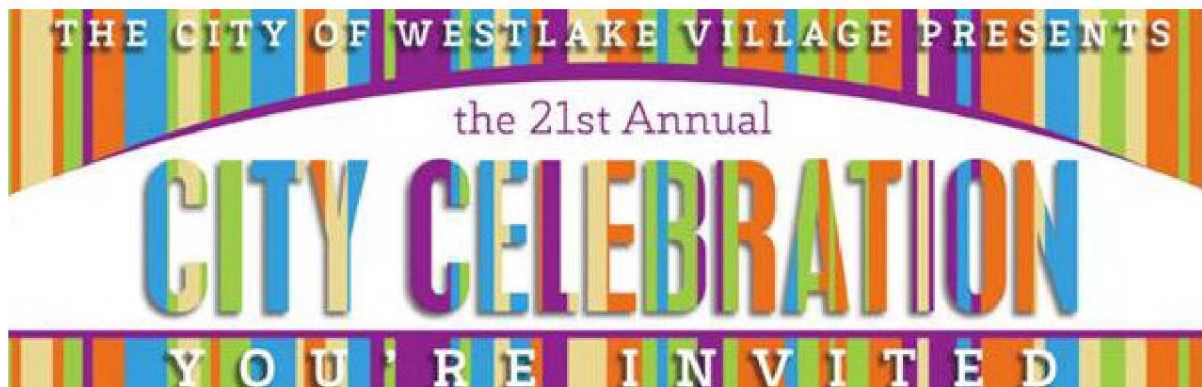
## Dos Vientos Community Center

### Baby Sitting Workshop

We are excited to note that we have another *BLAST! Babysitting Workshop* coming up on October 21. This is the opportunity for teenagers to learn CPR, first aid, and how to prevent accidents while also learning how to select suitable activities and prepare for job interviews. This is to help our younger generation get started with community-centered entrepreneurship.

### Westlake City Celebration

On Saturday, October 14, the Dos Vientos Team will be setting up a booth at the Annual Westlake Village City Celebration. We will have crafts and games available for everyone. Our staff will be informing people about the programming we offer for Westlake Village residents, along with fun stuff that our District is doing across the Conejo Valley.



## Borchard Community Center

### Jazzercise

As of September, Jazzercise is officially back at Borchard Community Center! After a long awaited 10 months, we are so excited to have Jazzercise instructor, Elizabeth Eaves, back on stage leading the morning exercise program. Jazzercise classes are M/W/F from 9-10:00am at Borchard Center.

### Paint Night

On Saturday, October 7, Borchard Center hosted its very first Paint Night at Borchard Center! No experience was necessary as Bob Noonan of Studio 316 guided 8 students to explore their artistic interpretation and complete their very own acrylic work of art.

