

## **Conejo Recreation & Park District**

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Renovations of the Conejo Recreation and Park District's Conejo Creek Dog Park are complete and dog park will be re-opened beginning Monday 10/18.

Improvements include (2) large fabric shade structures; one for each large and small dog area with concrete paving for picnic tables, a permanent restroom with attached drinking fountain and bottle filler, and a paved parking lot with trees, boulders, and other landscaping. Another significant improvement included in the project is a dedicated water service for the dog park dividing it from the rest of the Conejo Creek West Complex (Waverly Park, Las Flores Community Garden, and Conejo Creek Equestrian Facility). This improvement will assist in the maintenance and operations of the entire facility while keeping closures minimized during routine and emergency grounds maintenance and repairs.

The 3.5-acre Conejo Creek Dog Park originally opened in 2001 and has received several upgrades since the opening including, shaded seating areas throughout, landscaping and irrigation improvements, and lighting for the park and parking lot.

To celebrate and thank patrons for their patience, the **District will hold a ribbon cutting** sponsored by local vendors with dog related giveaways from 9:00am to 10:00am on Saturday, October 23, 2021.

Construction of the Conejo Recreation and Park District's Conejo Creek Southwest Park is set to begin.

The 14 acre neighborhood park development includes multi-use walkways and looped equestrian trail, Chumash themed playground, fitness equipment nodes, sand volleyball and basketball courts, (3) shaded picnic areas, single restroom and small parking lot, native and drought tolerant landscaping and 3 acres of open turf with a backstop for passive play. The project will provide parkland for current and future residents of the neighborhood.

The project was made possible through a partnership between the Conejo Recreation and Park District and the City of Thousand Oaks. The City will provide \$1,500,000 grant towards the

approximate \$4,250,000 project. The Conejo Recreation and Park District will provide the balance of the funding and project management.

The park was acquired in 1972 by the Conejo Recreation and Park District and is one of few remaining undeveloped parcels of the District-wide Conejo Creek Park Complex.

To celebrate the construction of the new park facilty, the **District will hold a ground breaking with** food and fun from 11:00am to 1:00pm on Saturday, October 23, 2021.

As the project moves forward, the project website will be updated accordingly with current project information <a href="https://www.crpd.org/ccsw">www.crpd.org/ccsw</a>.