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Supervisor, 2nd District

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Supervisor Jeff Gorell

REGULAR MEETING Agenda

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February 29, 2024 7:00 PM

**Municipal Advisory Council
Oak Park, California**

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OPENING

1. Call to Order Chair JL Diaz
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America
4. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Oak Park Municipal Advisory Council held on Thursday, January 25, 2023
5. Agenda Review

6. Consent Items 11-14
7. Public Comments- Citizen Presentations regarding Oak Park Municipal Advisory Council related matters NOT appearing on this agenda. (See Guidelines above).
8. Comments by Supervisor Jeff Gorell.
9. Written Comments – Chair to read written comments received by the MAC prior to the meeting.
10. Council Comments –Comments by Council members on matters they deem appropriate. A Council member may ask a question for clarification, make a brief announcement, or make a brief report on his or her own activities. A council member may also provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information, or request staff to report back to the body at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter. The Council may also direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda.

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11. California Highway Patrol (CHP)

Update report provided by Officer Ryan Ayers

- There will be an Open House on April 13
- Downward trend in highway deaths (mileage death rate)
- CHP hiring 1,000 officers.

RECOMMENDATION TO RECEIVE AND FILE

12. Ventura County Fire Department

Update report provided by Scott Thomsen. In-person report provided by Battalion Chief Anthony Romero.

- El Nino weather conditions continue for Ventura County
- VCFD announced new HQ opening scheduled for June.
- Community education on kitchen fire safety provides 20% decrease.

RECOMMENDATION TO RECEIVE AND FILE

13. Ventura County Sheriff

Update provided by Sgt. Natoli. In person report provided by Detective Tim Behrend

Property crimes occurring in Oak Park

- Vandalism on Dumaine Avenue
- Mailbox theft on Deerbrook Road
- Vehicle entry Doubletree Road

RECOMMENDATION TO RECEIVE AND FILE

14. The Public Works website activities report

- Fortunately, no rain issues.
- Athens Service, the new provider will service the two trash/recycling combo units on Kanan/Hawthorn and Kanan/Los Arcos for \$110.00 per month. Enhance will periodically wash them out.
- Car accident, Kanan Rd/Golden Eagle Rd., median will be rehabilitated.
- RFP for new landscaping services being processed; Brian K is representing the MAC, questions were submitted.
- Oak Park is swept the first and third Tuesdays and Thursdays of the month

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15. Power Point Presentation by Rancho Simi Park District representatives Dan Paranik, Landscape Architect Jonathan Schwartz and Planning Director Wayne Nakaoka. Attendance of Dave Ward from County Planning to address any questions.

Conversion of Deerhill Tennis Courts to Pickleball Courts.

16. Dave Fleish and Dave Ward from County Planning

To address concerns related to County efforts to balance flood control, fire prevention and habitat protection in the clearance of vegetation.

17. Presentation by Officer Ayers, a representative of Public Works and a representative from OPUSD

Traffic situation near Oak Hills Elementary School. (7 emails received from residents of Churchwood registering complaints)

18. Proposal for a Citizen of the Month Award for Oak Park.

Create a Committee to determine parameters for selection as well as actual selection. Launch date/promotion.

19. Request for placement of signage provided by Supervisor's office for promotion of MAC meetings.

The large, double-sided signs will help improve awareness and attendance at the MAC meetings. The signs have the location and time as well as a QR code to download the agenda or view a live stream of the meeting. Each MAC member is requested to take custody of two signs, place them 1 week before the meeting and pick them up either after the MAC meeting or the next day.

CLOSING

19. Adjournment of the Oak Park Municipal Advisory Council meeting to the next meeting on March 28, 2024 at Oak Park High School, Room G-9, 899 North Kanan Road, Oak Park, CA 91377.



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OPENING

1. Call to Order by Chair Nye at 7:01 p.m..
2. Roll Call

Members Present: Jane Nye, J.L. Diaz, Brian Trushinski, Seema Chandra, Michelle Santucci. Florence Wang
Nomination and election of 2024 MAC officers and committee chairs.

Seema Chandra nominated J.L. Diaz to be the 2024 Chair. Seconded by Michelle Santucci. Approved Unanimously. Brian Trushinski was nominated for Vice Chair by Seema Chandra, seconded by Jane Nye. Approved unanimously. Presentation of the Gavel by Jane Nye to J.L. Diaz who assumed the Chair.

Committee Assignments were made by the MAC for 2024. All Committee chairs were to remain the same other than Jane Nye will become the liaison for the OPUSD. And Seema Chandra will become the chair for Transportation. The committees for Oversized Vehicles has been disbanded as permits are now

applied for on the website and the Kanan Shuttle committee will not be active this year. The question as to who the OPUSD Liaison will be for the coming year as the understanding is that Jim Moynihan will be stepping down. (Post script: Jim Moynihan will be staying on for another year)

3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America led by J.L. Diaz.
4. Changes to the minutes of the meeting were made by Michelle Santucci mentioned a typo in the use of J.L. Diaz name in the Regular Agenda item 15 and Brian Trushinski requested that clarification be made in item 10.c. stating that Brian Trushinski requested the MAC review the Deerhill plans for the Pickleball courts. He requested that statement be adjusted to say that the MAC would like to advise Supervisor Gorell's office of the request to see the plans. The minutes were approved with the aforementioned changes.
5. **Agenda Review.** Motion to approve by Michelle Santucci. Second by Brian Trushinski. Motion passed unanimously.
6. **Consent Item 12- 17.** Item 16 pulled by Brian Trushinski. Motion to Receive and File consent items made by Michelle Santucci. Second by JL Diaz. Motion passed.
7. **Public Comments-** Citizen Presentations regarding Oak Park Municipal Advisory Council related matters NOT appearing on this agenda. (See Guidelines above).

Harry Medved spoke about his concerns that a crosswalk should be created at the intersection of Conifer and Parkwood Drive for safety. He also spoke about his concerns about the traffic patterns at Oak Hills Drive near Oak Hills Elementary School. Jane Nye mentioned that she has opened a ticket with Public Works as she is also very concerned about safety in this area with the school children and feels that the pylons are responsible for some of the confusion and long lines. Jane Nye mentioned that the problems seem to have started with the installation of the pylons redirecting traffic which was requested by Superintendent Jeff Davis. She requested that additional information be provided by CHP at the next MAC meeting and that this should be addressed with the Superintendent. Harry Medved also talked about the recent redistricting of Rancho Simi Recreation and Parks District wherein Oak Park will be joined with Wood Ranch which may remove a seat on the Planning committee for Oak Park. Seema Chandra mentioned that the MAC took part in elections last year and Brian Trushinski said that that would not happen this year per RSRPD as positions would be appointed. Seema Chandra requested that this be added to the agenda for next month with a report from RSRPD.

Eric Steiner spoke about the landscaping needs at Hawthorne Drive and Kanan Road. He described "barren" soil and mud. Brian Trushinski addressed these comments by mentioning that the MAC did not have any input into the CSA#4 landscaping budget last year and that funds are limited. He requested that the MAC have input into this year's budget to request an increase in the landscaping budget.

Steven Kozel requested an update on the cement culvert clearing south of Kanan Road which is pending Public Works and RSRPD.

Ruben Maciel spoke about his concerns regarding the traffic issues at the Oak Hills Elementary School.

Arolyn Caso spoke about the bicycles and political signs on Kanan Road and requested that they be removed as soon as possible. She also thanked the Supervisor's office and Enhanced Landscaping for the replacement of the Juniper Trees along Kanan Road.

8. Comments from Dale Thomas representing Supervisor Jeff Gorell

Dale Thomas reported that the Supervisor was away completing his requirements for his position with the US Navy Reserve and was sorry not to be able to attend. She presented flowers to Jane Nye with the appreciation of the Supervisor's office for her term as Chair of the OP MAC. Dale addressed the issue of the political signs and said that Public Works had been requested several times to remove the materials and it should happen very soon. Dale was honored to present a commendation from the Supervisor to Jessica Joel, a student at Medea Middle School whose art work was chosen by the Metropolitan Water District to be featured on their calendar and website. Dale then reported on the CSA#4 activities for the month of January including reporting that the street sweeping calendar listed that would take place the first and third Tuesdays and Thursdays of each month. Public Works reports that the buckled sidewalks will be stripped this summer and that an RFP for new landscaping services are being processed with Brian Trushinski representing the MAC on the committee. Evaluations will take place with the new contract starting July 1, 2024

9. Written Comments –none

10. Council Comments

Brian Trushinski requested that the MAC be able to have input into the design plans for the new pickleball courts at Deerhill Park. He made a motion that the MAC be allowed to review and comment on the design as it involves land use. He was informed that a motion was unnecessary and then requested that the item appear on the agenda for the February meeting.

J.L. Diaz requested that further information be provided about license plate readers in Oak Park. Dale Thomas recalled that a full presentation was already made at a previous MAC meeting and agreed to review the previous information at the next MAC meeting.

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11. California Highway Patrol (CHP)

Written Update provided by Officer Ayers

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12. Ventura County Fire Department

Written Update provided by Scott Thomson, Director of Communications and Public Affairs

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13. Ventura County Sheriff

Written Update provided to MAC members as it was unavailable to be included in the agenda.

(15) Brian Trushinski had asked to pull this consent item but agreed it had already been discussed and agreed to Receive and file.

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Presentation by Rondi Guthrie and Paul Yanez from Athens Services.

Rondi Guthrie spoke first and confirmed that the new trash hauling services were initiated in Oak Park on Jan 2 and the transition has been seamless. New barrels have been rolled out to residents in stages. 56% of the barrels have been changed out with the total of 12,079 to be completed in the coming weeks. Michelle Santucci thanked Athens for their service as well as the clarity of their communication with residents. People with issues are encouraged to contact Athens at 805-356-0113 or athensventuracounty.com.

Presentation by David Fleisch from Public Works

Mr. Fleisch was unable to attend at the last minute and Dale Thomas read his written report.

"Status of Cement Culvert South of Kanan Road. The culvert under Hollytree Dr. and Kanan Road and Oak Hills Dr. is free of obstructions. We have cleared the outfall at Kanan Road within PWA easement. However, there is a significant amount of sediment and water accumulation at the Oak Hill culvert outlet beyond PWA easement. This is RSRPD property."

"Update on the County Watershed Protection District-Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Meeting on Medea on Medea Creek Maintenance. This meeting did not occur. PWA staff is in contact with RSRPD and will set up the meeting in the next couple of weeks."

CLOSING

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Thomas, Dale

From: Dana Stein <dslkong@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 12:12 PM
To: Thomas, Dale
Subject: OAK HILLS ELEMENTARY

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Hi Dale

I was told by my neighbor Chad to email you directly about the continuing traffic issues on Churchwood Drive

My husband and I live in the first house on the street if you come up from Kanan. The parents dropping off their children have ZERO regard for the residents.

I often leave my home at 8am and it takes me at least 5 minutes to get out of my driveway!!!!

Parents are either speeding down the street or are in the drop off line which is in the middle of the street because of the cars already parked!!!!

Not only does this happen in the AM but at least 3 times in the afternoon.

I had an appointment to get to one day last week and tried to leave my house around 2:15 Well..... I had to get out of my car and walk up to the car that was blocking the Street and ask the person to move They replied "can't you wait??"

I said NO

move your car!!!!

I shouldn't have to go through such aggravation!!!! When I leave my home I have complained numerous times to the school administration and they absolutely do not care!!!!

The sheriffs are worse!!!!

I have lived here for over 6 years and it constantly gets worse!!!!

I am hoping something can be done to make the parents aware that they are not being cooperative and to be honest A\$\$HOLES(sorry) Any help in the situation is greatly appreciated.

Many Thanks

Dana Stein

Sent from my iPhone

Thomas, Dale

From: Jeffery Sun <fsunster@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 16, 2024 11:19 AM
To: Thomas, Dale
Subject: Traffic concerns at Oak Hills Elementary School, Oak Park

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Hi Mr. Thomas,

I am emailing you regarding my concerns about the traffic problems on Churchwood in the morning.

I personally saw many parents make random U turns, driving very fast passing other cars making churchwood extremely dangerous in the morning around 7:50 to about 8:20am. Many times, Churchwood becomes a three lane street. The residents just cannot go anywhere during that time period.

I would suggest putting more enforcement officers during that period and really give citations for people who are not obeying traffic rules. Having a speed bump and some light signals may also reduce the problems.

Thanks for your consideration.

Jeff Sun
Resident on Churchwood

Thomas, Dale

From: AAABruin1@sbcglobal.net
Sent: Saturday, February 24, 2024 2:02 PM
To: Thomas, Dale
Subject: Traffic on Churchwood Drive near Oak Hills Elementary School

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Dear Ms. Thomas,

It is my understanding that you are the field representative for Ventura County Supervisor Jeff Gorell. It is for this reason that I am addressing this letter to you to apprise you of a situation that is bad and getting worse.

I have lived on Churchwood Drive for over 30 years and traffic in and around Oak Hills Elementary, while generally busy during the school year, has never been as bad and dangerous as it has been recently. It seems the problem was exacerbated when the traffic patterns were changed to prevent traffic on Kanan from turning onto Churchwood before and after school during certain hours. As a result, parents picking up and dropping off their children seem to totally ignore the rules of the road and do whatever they feel to be most expeditious and necessary, without regard for safety and the law.

During drop-off and pick-up times, vehicles are parked at the curb on Churchwood between Los Arcos and the school, which is obviously perfectly legal. However, I have also observed vehicles double parked in the southbound travel lane next to the the vehicles parked at the curb. As a result, vehicles traveling southbound on Churchwood, intending to make a left turn onto eastbound Kanan, are forced to travel southbound in the northbound lane of Churchwood. Additionally, the stop signs at the intersection of Churchwood and Los Arcos are frequently ignored. Further, during pick up and drop off times, many parents park in the parking lot at Valley View Park on Los Arcos. Unfortunately, when exiting the park, they tend to ignore traffic having the right of way on Los Arcos. Finally, parents who park on Los Arcos frequently make U-turns on Los Arcos in front of oncoming vehicles.

Unless something is done to ameliorate this traffic nightmare, it is only a question of time before a serious incident occurs. I would urge you to bring this matter to the Supervisor's attention so that the Board of Supervisors may address this issue. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Steve Fair
5145 Churchwood Drive
818-521-6882

Thomas, Dale

From: casey schlefstein <cschlef@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2024 10:31 AM
To: Thomas, Dale
Subject: New traffic pattern at Churchwood Drive, Los Arcos, and OPES in Oak Park

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Hello Dale,

My name is Casey Schlefstein, I live on Churchwood Drive, in Oak Park.

I'm writing in support for my neighbors on Churchwood Drive, whose homes are directly across from Oak Park Elementary School. I'd like to first say thank you for seeing the issues we face with school traffic in our neighborhood, and trying to make some meaningful changes with the traffic pattern. We have lived in this location going on 21 years now and drop-off/pickup traffic has always been an issue.

For us, the new traffic pattern means we cannot without difficulty leave our neighborhood southbound into east Oak Park at drop-off or pickup times. As you've probably seen in the photos/vids, traffic by the school becomes gridlocked. And now that left turns from Los Arcos on to Kanan Rd. are no longer an option, leaving our home in that direction is near impossible at those times.

My neighbors have floated ideas like a painted, double yellow line on Churchwood from Kanan to Los Arcos, incentivized carpooling for out of district students, or reverting back to the old pattern, but it is my belief that without solid, consistent enforcement of traffic laws already in place any pattern will not get a fair shake of its performance. In the past I have reached out to the CHP with a less than desirable response (victim blamed). A neighbor recently reached out to CHP without any response at all. Determining traffic pattern effectiveness based on incidents reported cannot be trusted as a true gauge if law enforcement dismisses complaints. In either case, improvements can be made.

Again, thank you for your time and willingness to listen. It is much appreciated.

Sincerely,
Casey

Thomas, Dale

From: Linda Niebergall <lindaniebergall2@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 25, 2024 6:31 PM
To: Thomas, Dale
Cc: jdavis@oakparkusd.org; hsloan@opusd.org; jbarnett@tcote.org; CHPMoorparktips@chp.ca.gov; jmoynihan@opusd.org; rayers; OakHillsPres@gmail.com; Chad Skopp; ruben77@me.com
Subject: Traffic issues around Oak Hills Elementary in Oak Park

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To all people and organizations concerned with student safety,

I am a resident of Churchwood Drive, living across from the park. I am also a retired OPUSD teacher, all 3 of my children went to school in OPUSD and 2 of my grandchildren attended Oak Hills Elementary. I love this district and I love our community. I give this background so you understand that I have a caring, vested interest in the schools and safety of the students.

It is my understanding that the Oak Park Municipal Advisory Council is willing to listen to concerns about the dangerous traffic situation on Churchwood at their February 29 meeting and I intend to be there. I am sending this email to alert the concerned agencies that we need a change of some kind and to please be willing to consider adjustments to the current plan.

In an effort to address the traffic and parking issues associated with Oak Hills drop-off and pick-up traffic, my understanding is that representatives from Oak Hills Elementary (Erik Warren, Principal at that time), a representative from Church of the Epiphany, a representative from Ventura County Public Works, and a representative from the CHP came up with a plan to improve traffic flow and safety. All, I am sure, had and continue to have the best intentions. Notably, a resident from the local community was not included on this task force. After over a year of observing this plan and as a resident who is happy to speak up now, I strongly feel that the plan successfully addressed some issues but at the same time created other issues that are also dangerous in nature as well as creating a hardship on the neighbors and school parents picking up their children.

I was hopeful and willing to give the new plan a chance. I was not happy to see the traffic dividers and time restrictions which affect me as a resident. Yet, while I was not happy about these new changes, I was willing to give them a chance if they helped address the safety issues at that time.

The corrective measure that only Oak Hills staff (and not parents) be allowed to park in the church parking lot was successful in keeping parents and students from running back and forth through traffic. However, now where are the parents to park with that option gone? The empty spaces along the school side of Churchwood fill up quickly and parents end up dropping off students from the traffic lane, stopping traffic to let them out. Impatient parents create a third traffic lane by driving on the wrong side of the street, against traffic and homeowners coming uphill on Churchwood, often speeding as they hurry to get past the traffic jam. Of course this is SO dangerous, obstructive to residents trying to enter or leave their homes, and creates frustration from the parents who are waiting patiently in line to get a parking space. (Photos and videos are available upon request but I couldn't send this email with attachments.)

I understand that Oak Hills Elementary reminds parents of the traffic pattern; thank you for that ... yet it seems that the parents who need to see this reminder don't see it or ignore it.

My neighbors talk and complain about it all the time, but most of them don't know who to contact. Some parents are also not happy with the situation but perhaps the PTA would have a perspective beyond what I see on Nextdoor. School traffic is expected; this situation is out of hand and growing worse as more and more parents drive on the wrong side of the street.

I don't have a sure-fire solution and I am sure that there are many issues that each representative agency has to consider. Here are some of my own thoughts and questions:

1. Would a white line painted down the center of Churchwood help to remind parents to stay on the correct side of the street?
2. Would asking parents who volunteer during the day to park down in the parking lot near the playground free up Churchwood for parents who are arriving solely at pickup time to get their children?
3. Can the school PTA or some agency fund a traffic control person to continually remind parents to drive on the right side of the street or to help with drop-offs on Churchwood? (I can hardly believe that I have to suggest that!) Other PTA suggestions?
4. What suggestions does the CHP have? The idea that law enforcement coming to visit to write tickets once or twice will "get everyone in line" simply has not worked. Twice I have observed parents driving on the wrong side of the street so they can pass by the CHP vehicle who double-parked to talk to a parent - driving right past the officer on the wrong side of the street!!!
5. Do we have more students on the Oak Hills campus than the infrastructure can handle? That's a hard question for a former teacher to ask, because I know how much the district depends on enrollment and attendance to run a successful program. Has the addition of TK classes increased the number of students on campus? I am hopeful that Principal Sloane can shed some light on this.

I tried to attach a photo taken by a neighbor which shows a parking lane, a driving lane, and a third lane of cars traveling in the wrong direction, a daily occurrence. The numbers of drivers who daily utilize this dangerous pattern are increasing. I will bring copies to the MAC meeting.

PLEASE HELP! Please let's find a solution that has safety at the top of its requirements but also considers the local residents and the new safety issues.

Thank you for your consideration!

Linda Niebergall
5367 Churchwood Drive
818-307-3515

Thomas, Dale

From: Fleisch, David
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2024 8:43 AM
To: Thomas, Dale
Cc: Gorell, Jeff; Pratt, Jeff; Perryman, Mark; Balan, Anitha
Subject: RE: Traffic Issues in Oak Park
Attachments: pic 1.jpg; pic 2.jpg

Dale,

This location has a long history of traffic concerns, beginning in 1999, and most recently in 2022.

In early 2022, the Oak Park Unified School District Superintendent, Jeff Davis, requested a traffic review around Oak Hills Elementary School. The concerns expressed were: parents dropping off their children on the eastbound side of Churchwood and the children crossing through traffic; Parents making U-turns in front of the school into on-coming traffic; and general traffic safety in the area during school drop-off and pick-up times.

As a result of this request, several meetings were held in April and May, and a traffic safety analysis was completed. PWA, CHP, School District, and Oak Hills Elementary School personnel were involved. After the analysis was complete, there was unanimous concurrence with proposed enhancements which were installed in July 2022, before the start of the school year. These enhancements were:

- Centerline stanchions added at the school driveway on Churchwood
- Installing a southbound Churchwood right turn lane into the school driveway
- Red curb added/extended on both sides of Churchwood from Kanan Rd for appx 550 ft.
- Signs installed prohibiting traffic to travel onto northbound Churchwood north of Kanan during school peak morning and afternoon times (7:45am-8:45am and 2:15pm to 3:15pm)
- Left turn from Los Arcos onto Kanan prohibition and stanchions added.

On the first day of school in August, 2022, CHP and PWA staff were on-site monitoring (see attached pictures). Everything seemed to work as expected.

The collision data PWA has access to for this area for the two years before the installation after the installation do not show any reported collisions.

Please let me know if you need more information.

Dave

David Fleisch P.E.
Assistant Director



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Thomas, Dale

From: Jeff Davis <jdavis@opusd.org>
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2024 1:22 PM
To: Thomas, Dale; Heather Sloan; Fleisch, David
Subject: Re: FW: Traffic Issues in Oak Park

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Hi Dale and David,

Here is Principal Heather Sloan's message (below) to her parents today regarding traffic concerns. She sent this an hour ago.

Also, to clarify something. I didn't personally request pylons, stanchions, etc. I was one of several people (including the leaders from The Church of The Epiphany) involved in the conversations with VC Public Works. This was a team effort and when the idea came up we all thought those would be a good idea, since we already have those types of stanchions in place around Medea Creek. That's how the stanchions came to be on Churchwood.

Dr. Jeff Davis

February 2024

Immediate Action Required: Traffic Safety and Parking at Oak Hills

Dear Oak Hills Families,

As the principal of Oak Hills, my utmost concerns are the safety of our students and nurturing positive relationships within our community. Recent issues with traffic congestion, unsafe driving behaviors, and unauthorized parking have raised significant concerns. These issues not only endanger our students but also disrupt the tranquility of our neighborhood and our relationships with our neighbors. It is critical that we all adhere to traffic laws and show consideration for the welfare of our entire community.

Traffic and Parking Reminders:

Parking:

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- Church Lot/Churchwood Dr.:
 - Parking is prohibited for parents. Violations will lead to citations and towing. Only staff without designated spots may use the church lot with a permit.
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- Staff Parking Lot:
 - All spaces in our parking lot are assigned to staff members. There is no visitor parking in our parking lot.
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- Parent and Visitor Parking:
- We encourage parents to park on the school side of Churchwood Dr. (avoiding red zones), at Valley View Park on Los Arcos Dr., or along Los Arcos Dr. Walking a bit further can significantly enhance safety.
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Drop-Off Procedures:

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- School Access:
- Use Kanan Rd. to Los Arcos Dr. There is no left turn from Churchwood Dr. into the Oak Hills Lot
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- Flagpole Drop-Off/Walk-Up:
- Students can be dropped off at the flagpole or walked to the playground gates.
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- 4th-5th Grade Drop-Off:
- Available in the white zone at the top of the playground stairs on Churchwood Dr. (Morning drop-off only - not for pick-up). This white zone is for drop-off only from 8 - 9 each morning. Please
- **do not park**
- and leave your car unattended at these times.
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Pick-Up Procedures:

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- Entry Point:
- Access the pickup loop on Churchwood Dr. via Kanan Rd. using Los Arcos Dr. Turning onto Churchwood Dr. from Kanan Rd is restricted between 7:45-8:45 am and 2:15-3:15 pm.
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- Pick-Up Options:
- Collect 1st - 5th-grade children at the playground gates (adjacent to Los Arcos park) or via the flagpole drive-through. Please tell your child where to meet you each day.
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- TK Pick-up
- - all TK parents should park and walk in to meet their child at the TK gates.
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- Kindergarten Pick-up:
- Kindergarten parents may pull into the loop from Churchwood Dr. or may park and walk down to meet their child at their class's gate.
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- 4th-5th Grade Pick-Up:
- Begins after 2:45 PM to ease congestion for younger students.
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- Special Programs:
- Club Oak Park and Growing Outdoors participants have distinct pick-up instructions.
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Enforcement Notice:

To address the community's concerns, the VC Sheriff and CHP will increase patrols. Violations of traffic signs will lead to citations.

The proximity of Oak Hills to many homes brings the responsibility of being considerate neighbors and ensuring a safe environment. Your cooperation is essential in maintaining a secure, respectful, and efficient atmosphere for everyone.

Thank you for your immediate attention and compliance.

Heather Sloan,
Principal, Oak Hills Elementary School

Background on Traffic Measures:

In response to concerns, Superintendent Jeff Davis reached out to Ventura County Public Works in early 2022. VC Public Works then initiated a comprehensive traffic review in early 2022. This led to a collaborative effort, resulting in significant safety enhancements implemented before the 2022 school year, including:

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- Centerline stanchions at the school driveway on Churchwood.
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- A new southbound Churchwood right turn lane into the school driveway.
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- Extended red curbs on both sides of Churchwood.
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- Peak time travel restrictions on northbound Churchwood.
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- Prohibited left turns from Los Arcos onto Kanan, with added stanchions for clarity.
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These measures, resulting from detailed analyses and consensus, aimed to ensure our student's safety and smooth traffic flow around our school. As we follow these guidelines, let's appreciate the careful planning and

VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

M E M O R A N D U M



DATE: February 21, 2024
TO: Supervisor Gorell's Office and the Oak Park MAC
FROM: Sgt. Laura Natoli #3421
RE: January & February 2024 MAC Law Enforcement Report

There have been limited property crimes occurring in the Oak Park area.

END OF JANUARY 2024:

A felony vandalism took place on Dumaine Avenue. An unknown suspect slashed the tires on two vehicles owned by the same person.

A misdemeanor mail theft from a mailbox took place on Deerbrook Road. The theft of a new checkbook led to identity theft.

FEBRUARY 2024:

A vehicle was forced open by an unknown suspect, but there was no property stolen. The lock to the driver's door was punched. The location of the crime was Doubletree Road.

Detectives are currently investigating all of the above crimes.



CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

To: The Oak Park MAC c/o Supervisor Gorell's office

CHP MOORPARK'S OAK PARK MAC TALKING POINTS: (2.29.24)

- CHP Moorpark and the Moorpark Police Department (Ventura County Sheriff) will be hosting an open house event at our station on April 13th. This event will give the public a chance to see our station, checkout our patrol and special enforcement vehicles, we will be holding a "bike rodeo" for new, young bicycle riders which will include a skills course and a helmet fitting station. We look forward to seeing you and your families at this fun event.
- The CHP Moorpark Area continues to send Special Enforcement Units (SEU) to conduct targeted patrol in Oak Park, specifically targeting unsafe driving in the area surrounding Medea Creek Middle School and Red Oak Elementary School. Citations were issued for unsafe turns, stop sign violations, unsafe speed, and various parking violations. Targeted patrols help saturate an area where multiple violations are known to be happening at once so multiple violations can be addressed in the area simultaneously.
- Through the use of SEU's, Maximum Enforcement Periods, and daily proactive patrols, The California Highway Patrol has made significant strides in reducing the milage death rate (MDR), which is the number of lives lost in crashes per 100 million vehicle miles driven on California highways, and reducing highway violence, specifically freeway shootings. The MDR dropped from 4,496 lives lost in 2022 to approximately 3000 lives lost in 2023. Additionally, freeway shootings dropped 25% in that same timeframe. We ALL need to do our part to continue this positive downward trend.
- The California Highway Patrol is hiring 1,000 officers to help make California's roadways safer. If you or someone you know would like to join the CHP, visit www.betheCHP1000.com for more information and to speak with a local recruiter. Also, the CHP is hiring more than JUST officers. We are currently looking to fill 165 dispatcher vacancies across the state and are also looking for Commercial Vehicle Inspection Specialists to inspect the growing number of commercial vehicles on California highways. The CHP will provide you with the training for all three of these positions. More details and applications can be found at www.chp.ca.gov.
- Follow CHP Moorpark on social media for traffic updates, sig alerts, evacuation notices, roadway closures, and general information on what the CHP is doing in your area.

Twitter: **@CHPMoorpark**
Facebook: **@CHP-Moorpark**
Instagram: **@CHPMoorpark**

Contact: **Officer Ryan Ayers**
Public Information Officer
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Director of Communications and Public Affairs

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Feb. 15, 2024

Attn: Supervisor Jeff Gorell and Municipal Advisory Committees

- El Nino weather conditions continue to affect Ventura County. We encourage the public to monitor weather conditions, plan ahead and stay safe from flooding. Keep rain gutters and drains clear, prepare an emergency go kit and sign up for VC Alert at www.readyventuracouty.org.
- The Ventura County Fire Department is working to prepare its new headquarters in Thousand Oaks for operation. The department hopes to complete its move-in this June.
- More structure fires start in kitchens than any other room. The Ventura County Fire Department focused much of its community education efforts on kitchen fire safety in 2023. That campaign helped reduce the number of kitchen fires to which VCFD responded from 70 in 2022 to 56 in 2023, a 20% decrease.

Sincerely,

Scott Thomsen

Director of Communications and Public Affairs

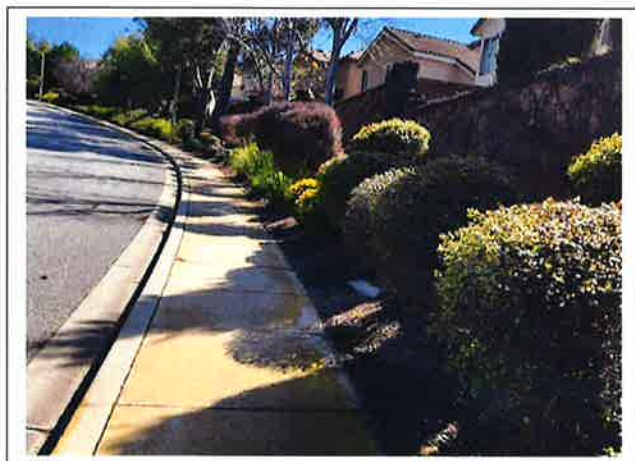
Ventura County Fire Department



OAK PARK CSA4

Matt Kovacevich – Account Manager

MONTHLY PROPERTY REPORT FEBRUARY 2024



Hawthorne Dr. landscape maintenance. Crew removing debris from planter beds. Clearance trimming and weed removal completed.



Rockfield St. debris removal and clearance trimming of shrubs.



Hawthorne Dr./Wiggin St. reducing shrubs for height clearance and plant separation. Removing debris and weeds from slope area.



Golden Eagle Rd. large palm tree is an eyesore and recommend removal. Need advisory committee to weigh in on this potential removal.



RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

February 23, 2024

Ms. Dale Thomas, Community Field Representative
Supervisor Jeff Gorell, 2nd District
2100 E. Thousand Oaks Blvd.
Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

Re: Deerhill Park – Pickleball Court Conversion Project for Presentation to Oak Park MAC February 29, 2024.

Dear Ms. Thomas:

Listed below for your use and information is a brief project description detailing the scope-of-work and some background information regarding the Deerhill Park Pickleball Court Conversion Project.

This project was formally reviewed and discussed at the Oak Park - Park and Recreation Planning Committee Meeting on July 13, 2023. As a result, the Oak Park Committee made a recommendation to the Park District's Board of Directors to consider conversion of Deerhill Park Tennis Courts to a permanent Pickleball Facility, or to pursue a newly constructed Pickleball Facility within Oak Park. Based on this recommendation, the Park District's Board of Directors approved the conversion of the Deerhill Park Tennis Courts to Pickleball Courts on October 4, 2023.

Subsequent discussions regarding this project occurred at a Special Oak Park – Park and Recreation Planning Committee meeting held on October 12, 2023, and at its regular meeting on January 11, 2024.

Project Description: Repurpose and restripe two existing lighted tennis courts at Deerhill Park into six (6) lighted Pickleball Courts. Scope-of-Work to include:

- a. Removal of existing tennis court amenities.
- b. Resurfacing and restriping of existing tennis courts to accommodate six new pickleball Courts.
- c. Installation of 4' high chain-link Pickleball Court separation fences.
- d. Minor perimeter fence line adjustments.
- e. Reorientation of existing lights
- f. Installation of a new southerly entrance and perimeter landscaping.
- g. Installation of Sound Dampening Acoustical Wraps along all perimeter fences with green fence screening.

Sincerely,

Wayne Nakaoka
Director of Planning and Maintenance



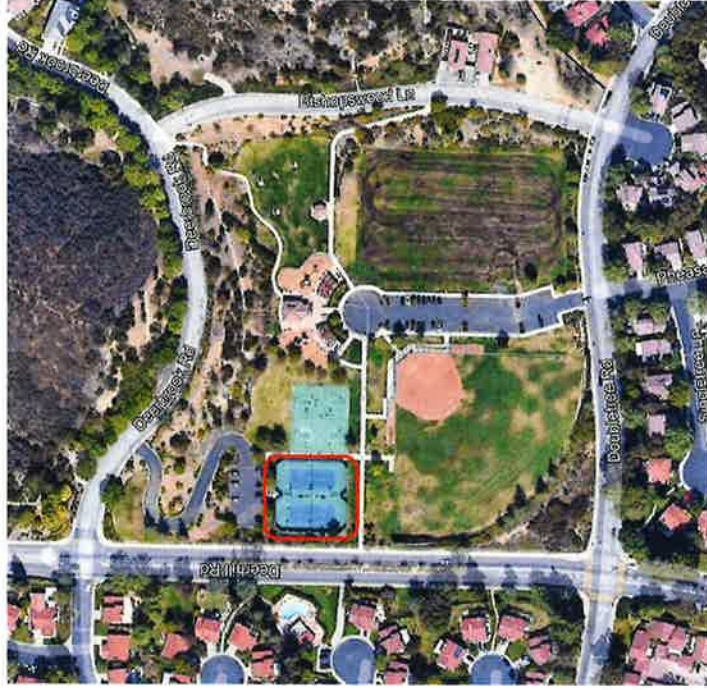


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Deerhill Park Pickleball Court Conversion Project

Deerhill Park

6700 Doubletree Road, Oak Park, California

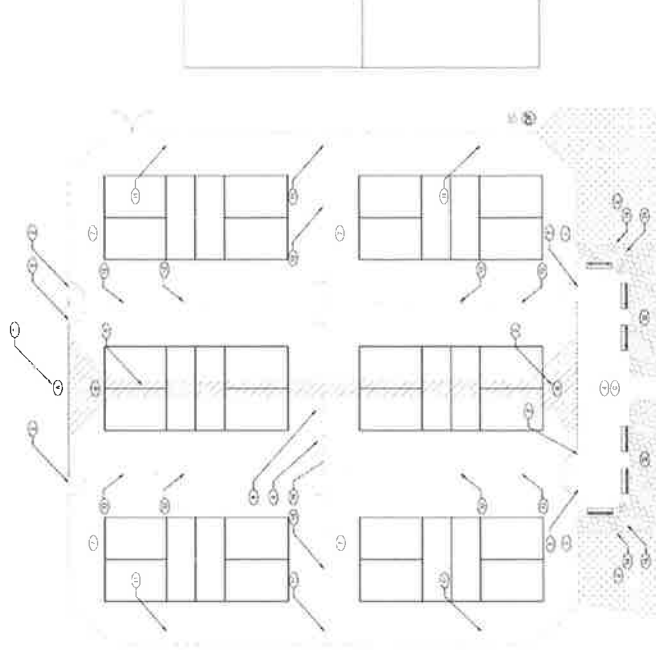
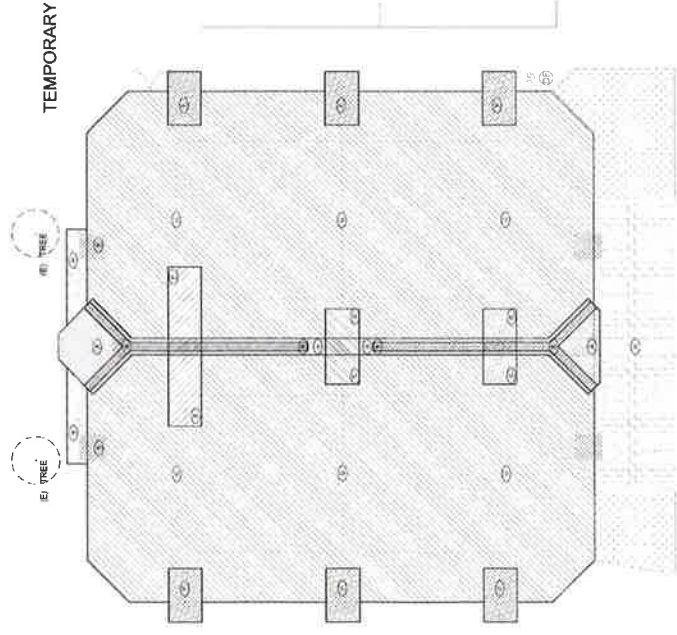


Current Park Site Amenities Include:

- Softball Field
- Soccer field
- (3) Picnic Shelters
- (1) Restroom/Concession Building
- Pre-Teen and Tot-Lot Play Areas
- Open Turf Play/Picnic Area
- (2) Basketball Courts
- (2) Tennis Courts w/ (4) Pickleball Court Overlays
- (2) Parking Lots (76 Stalls + 4 H.C. Stalls)

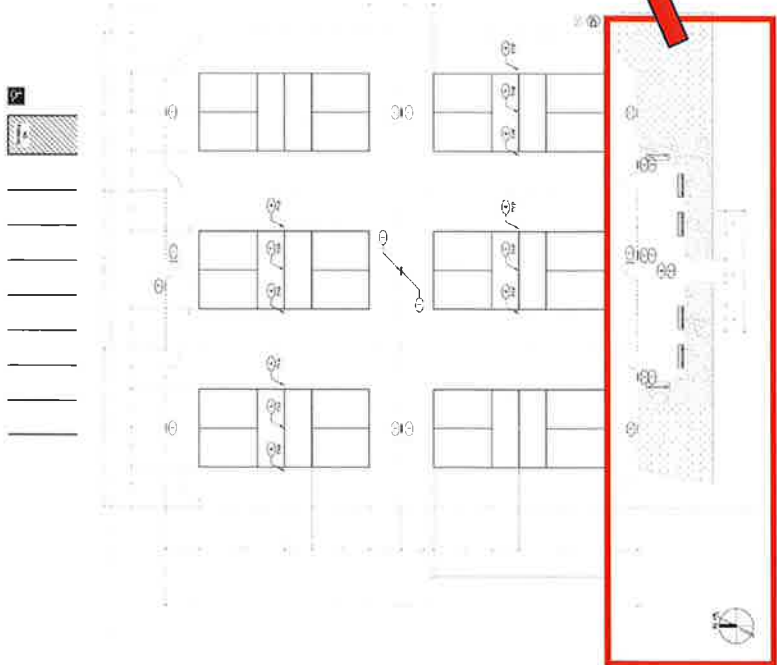
October 4, 2023

To accommodate the growing need for Pickleball Courts in Oak Park, the Park District Board of Directors unanimously voted to approve the conversion of the two existing Tennis Courts at Deerhill Park to six Pickleball Courts.

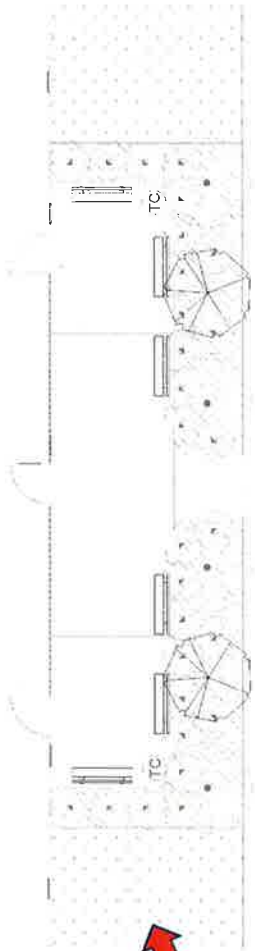




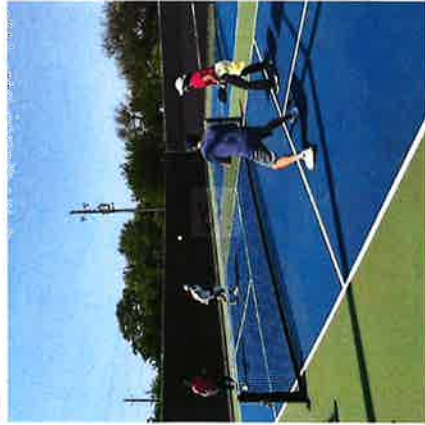
New South Side Entry and Landscaping



PLANTING PLAN KEY			
SYMBOL	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	SIZE
	<i>Pyrus kawakana</i>	Evergreen Flowering Japanese Pear	24" Box
	<i>Prunus coccinea</i> var. <i>atropurpurea</i>	Purple-leaf Flowering Plum	24" Box
	<i>Salvia greggii</i>	Autumn Sage/Red Sage	5 Gal
	<i>Cistus purpureus</i>	Orchid/Purple Flowered Rock-rose	5 Gal
	<i>Eriogonum latifolium</i>	Santa Barbara Daisy	DF



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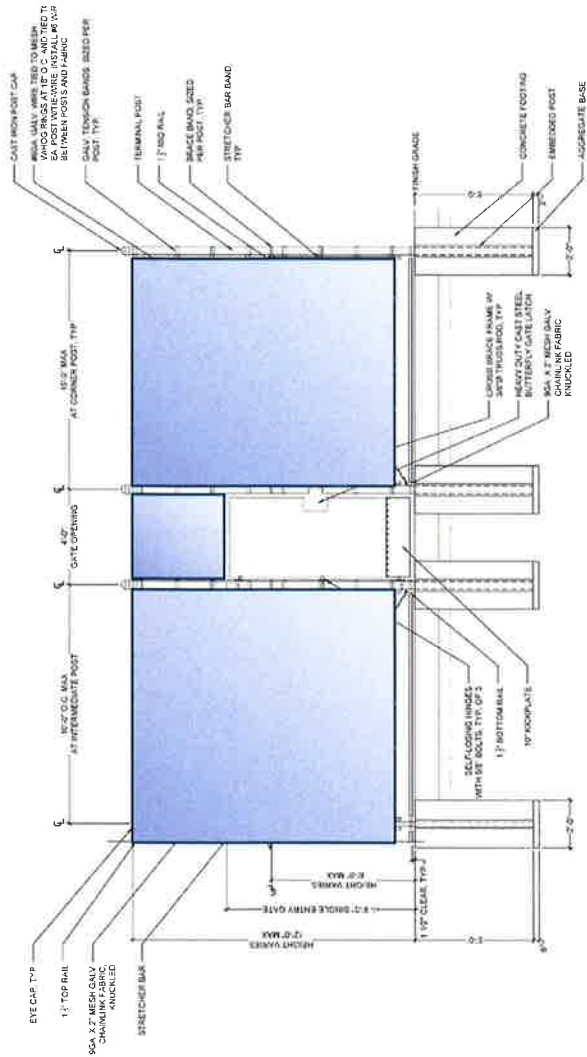
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