

Livermore Area Recreation and Park District

Staff Report

TO: Chair Furst and Facilities Committee

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SUBJECT: Parks and Facilities Information Guide Update

INFORMATION ONLY: This is an information only update on the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Parks and Facilities Guide.

BACKGROUND: The LARPD Parks and Facilities Guide was created in 2011 and designed as a reference for staff and Board members. The Guide may also be useful for the City of Livermore, Chamber of Commerce, Livermore Joint Unified School District, and other community partners. The last version of the Guide was produced in 2016. Since then, a number of capital improvement projects have been completed, including: park playground renovations and replacements, the addition of shade structures in several parks, improvements to the Robert Livermore Aquatics Center, new restroom and shower facilities at Camp Shelly, and the new asphalt trail in Sycamore Grove Park. The purpose of this update is to provide more current information on our parks and facilities.

ATTACHMENT:

A. LARPD Parks and Facilities Guide – revised draft June 2020



PARKS AND FACILITIES GUIDE

LIVERMORE AREA
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LARPD Parks and Facilities Guide

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*City owned and LARPD maintained

Note: Schools listed are owned and operated by the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District.

The Las Positas Community College is owned and operated by the Chabot/Las Positas Community College District

AL CAFFODIO PARK

1361 Shawnee Road

2 acres

Tot lot, barbeque pits, and picnic tables



This park was completed in 1970 and renovated in 2001; it is City owned and LARPD maintained. The park is named for Al Caffodio (1908-1968), a longtime Livermore resident and businessman who promoted recreation activities for children. In 1952, Al Caffodio moved to Livermore and operated the Village Canteen on First Street, near the flagpole, becoming the town's first convenience store. While he did not have children of his own, promoting sports and recreational opportunities for community youth was one of his passions. Among his most important contributions was creation of the "Twin Valley Relays." This annual event began in 1958 and brought together middle school boys and girls from Livermore, Pleasanton, and Dublin to compete in a series of track events. Local teams were the Junction Bulldogs, the Joe Michell White Eagles, the Marylin Roadrunners, the Fifth Street Flyers, the Saint Michael Saints, and the East Avenue Dolphins. Well known Livermore participants included Fred Holdener, Tim Koopman, former Oakland Mayor Jean Quan, Fred Quarterman, and Phil and Eric Wente.

ALMOND PARK

1525 Almond Ave

4 acres

Field Size: 152.80' x 329.43'

School Type: Community Adult Education

Vineyard Elementary and High School

Tot lot, barbeque pits, picnic tables,
walking/bicycle paths



This neighborhood park was completed in 1969 with a new play area in 2005. This park is City owned and LARPD maintained and includes one youth sized sports field with natural turf. The park was named for the almond orchards that the park replaced, as ratified by the LARPD Board in 1967.

ALTAMONT CREEK PARK AND SCHOOL

6800 Altamont Creek Drive

6.9 acres

Field Size: 530' x 305'

School type: Elementary

Tot lot, barbeque pits, picnic tables,
sports fields, hiking/bicycle trails, ball fields, ESS site
2 youth baseball/softball fields designed for ages 12 and under
2 youth sports fields designed for ages 9 and under or 1 adult sports field



As a condition of the Maralisa tract, the developer was required to construct a park. The City accepted a grant deed for the property in the Hal Porter development. Opened in 1999, the park is City and School District owned and LARPD maintained. The School District named the school adjacent to the park site “Altamont Creek Elementary School” so LARPD staff recommended naming the park site Altamont Creek Neighborhood Park. LARPD Board approved this name at the June 12, 1997, Board Meeting.

ARROYO SECO SCHOOL

5280 Irene Way

Field Size: irregular

School type: Elementary

Extended Student Services provided by LARPD



THE BARN

3131 Pacific Avenue

0.5 acres

Restrooms



Built in 1922, the Barn features a large auditorium with corrugated steel siding, concrete floors, kitchen facility and a gazebo area outside. The Barn is a renovated, rustic “barn” which was once part of the Rodeo Grounds and was originally used as a warehouse for Company E of the 143rd Field Artillery National Guard. It became City property in 1960.

BIG TREES PARK AND EXTENSION

5470 Kathy Way

Park: 4.2 acres

Extension: 2.8 acres

Tot lot, barbeque pits, picnic tables,
backstop for youth baseball/softball practice



This park was named Big Trees Park in 1971 for the large eucalyptus trees, as suggested by the area residents, and is adjacent to Arroyo Seco Elementary School. LARPD accepted the grant deed from the City for the park in 2002. In 2003, LARPD accepted the Trail Landscaping Improvements Project from the developer, Pulte Homes. New pathways and playground were completed in 2019 with a project budget of over \$1.5 million. The park is LARPD owned and maintained. LARPD maintains the extension area south of the arroyo, the City of Livermore maintains the extension area north of the arroyo.

BILL CLARK PARK

5451 Hillflower Drive

2.8 acres

Tot lot, barbecue pits, picnic tables



This park was named for William Clark, an original LARPD board member (1958-1970) and longtime Livermore resident. Hoffman Development Company sold the property to Kaufman & Broad which made \$109k worth of improvements. Bill Clark was a health physicist for LLNL and then at GE Vallecitos Nuclear Center. Mr. Clark was on the Board when LARPD built the May Nissen Swim Center, its first major facility. Bill Clark died in May 1983 and the park opened in 1990. This park is City owned and LARPD maintained.

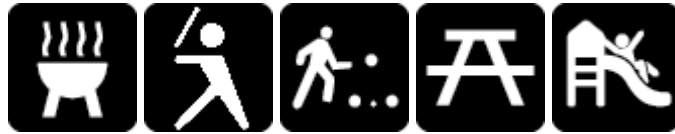
BOTHWELL PARK AND ARTS CENTER

2466 Eighth Street

2.13 acres

Park: Tot lot, picnic and play areas, bocce courts

Rec Center (not public): restrooms, meeting rooms



The site used to be Livermore Union High School, which was torn down in 1930. A recreation building was built in 1947 and was named Samuel Bothwell Sr. Recreation Center in 1965. Samuel Bothwell supervised volunteers in the construction of the center and helped establish the surrounding park. An auditorium and area for seniors were later added. The park was renovated in 2010 and contains new picnic and play areas, and two bocce ball courts with all-weather synthetic surfacing. The Recreation Center, now called the Bothwell Arts Center, is currently leased by Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC) and contains kitchen facilities, meeting rooms, and restrooms. Shade structures were added to the bocce ball court and children's play area in 2018. This site is LARPD owned and maintained.

BRUNO CANZIANI PARK

5907 Charlotte Way

14.7 acres

Tot lot, picnic tables, large open turf area,
basketball courts, hiking/bicycle trails, dog park



This LARPD owned and maintained park is named for a 65-year employee of Wente Bros. Vineyards. The wine-related name is a reminder that the area had been a vineyard for decades before it was developed. Mr. Canziani (1914-2001) worked in many capacities for Wente, including tending the vineyards, washing tanks, filling barrels, leading tours, making wine and working in the tasting room. Phase I was completed in 2002. Phases II and III were completed in 2004.

BRUSHY PEAK REGIONAL PRESERVE

Northeast of Livermore

507 acres

Tour only (East Bay Regional Park District section is open to the public)



In 1994, Brushy Peak was purchased with assistance from East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) from the Walker family and became part of LARPD. Previously, it had been used for growing grains and grazing animals. The preserve has a number of sensitive features and is considered a sacred place by the Native American people. To protect this special place and several of the endangered and threatened species which includes the red-legged frogs, California tiger salamander, and two species of fairy shrimp, LARPD offers guided tours with a Ranger. LARPD's Brushy Peak Preserve is operated in cooperation with the EBRPD which owns and manages an adjacent portion of the preserve. EBRPD's portion of the park is open to the general public daily, and is located on the south slope of the peak.

CAMP SHELLEY

25 campsites in South Lake Tahoe

Restroom with flush toilets, wash basins and hot showers

Community faucets with potable water throughout the campground

Recreation—ping pong table, volleyball court and a horseshoe pit



Named for Constance S. Shelly, Superintendent (position now called the General Manager) of the District who worked towards the acquisition of the campground. Shelly, nicknamed “Chili,” was with the District from at least 1958 until the mid-60’s. One reference indicated that he might have been one of the original employees of the District in 1947.

LARPD leased land from the U.S. Forest Service in the Lake Tahoe Basin in the early 1960s and built the Camp Shelly Campground; it opened circa 1963. In recent years, a volunteer community group has assisted the District in promoting Camp Shelly, successfully boosting the usage/rental of campsites. A new ADA-compliant restroom and shower facility was completed in 2019 (pictured above).

A LARPD Park Ranger is onsite daily during the camping season.

CARNEGIE BUILDING

2155 Third Street



Built in 1910, the City owns the Carnegie Park and building and took over park maintenance in 2012. The park includes the Livermore War Memorial. The site was named for industrialist and philanthropist Andrew Carnegie who donated \$10,400 to construct the library. This building is City-owned and operated by LARPD.

CAYETANO PARK

698 Portola Avenue

10.5 acres

Tot lot, large and small dog park, lighted synthetic sports field,
restroom, picnic tables



This park was part of Shea Homes development in Northwest Livermore. Cayetano Park was named after the nearby Cayetano creek.

The \$5.4 million park is a Shea Homes developer built park using AB 1600 fees and \$2 million from the developer. It is City-owned and LARPD operated. The park opened in January 2015.

CHRISTENSEN PARK AND SCHOOL

5611 Bridgeport Circle

8.24 acres

Field Size: 459' x 349'

School Type: Middle

Tot lot, barbecue pits, picnic tables, sports fields
Preschool and PAL programs provided by LARPD



The park features two full-size sports fields that are shared with the school for physical education classes.

This park opened in 1976 and was named for Andrew Christensen, member of a prominent family that resided in the area for a long time. The school was converted from an elementary school to a middle school. The school uses the turf from the park to meet guidelines from the state for minimum turf/land to be a middle school. The park is City-owned and LARPD maintained.

CROCE SCHOOL

5650 Scenic Avenue

Field size: 392' x 467' School type: Elementary

Extended Student Services and preschool program provided by LARPD



LARPD helped develop the turf areas of the ballfields.

DEL VALLE SCHOOL

2253 Fifth Street

Field size: 287' x 300'

School type: Continuation



EAST AVENUE SCHOOL

3951 East Avenue

Field size: 377' x 479'

School type: Middle

PAL program provided by LARPD



LARPD built the baseball field for use by little league.

EL PADRO PARK

1731 El Padro Drive

5.54 acres

Tot lot, picnic tables



This park was named in 1974 by Mendenhall and Smith students, naming it for the street that it is on. Improvements were made to the park in 1979 including sand in the tot area, elm trees, benches and tables. This park is City-owned and LARPD maintained.

ERNIE RODRIGUES SPORTS FIELDS

South Livermore Avenue, near Concannon Boulevard

11 acres

2 baseball/softball fields with lights and a batting cage

Restrooms



On February 12, 2003, the Board of Directors passed a resolution to name the fields after Ernie Rodrigues, a former LARPD Board Member and softball advocate. Mr. Rodrigues passed away in 2015. The fields were built in 1986 and then renovated in 2000. This park is City-owned and LARPD maintained.

GARAVENTA WETLANDS PRESERVE

Vasco and Garaventa Ranch Road

21.4 acres

by guided tour only



The site consists of densely packed shrubs and highly alkaline soil and was named for the Garaventa family in 1996, as was their request to the developer of the surrounding land, Hal Porter Homes. Domingo Garaventa came to this country in the 1890s and bought the first of three parcels north of what became Interstate 580. Eventually the family owned one-third of "Township 2 South Range 2 East," as well as 85 acres on the west side of what became Vasco Road. The vast Contra Costa County Garaventa holdings are owned by relatives. The family farmed wheat, barley and oats on the land until the 1940s when they moved elsewhere. His grandson, Alwin, of Oakland, and Alwin's sister, Valeta, of Richmond, sold the land in 1995. The preserve is owned and maintained by LARPD.

GRANADA HIGH SCHOOL

400 Wall Street

Field Size: 373' x 519'

School type: High School



Original swimming pools at Granada were built by LARPD.

HAGEMANN PARK

459 Olivina Avenue

7.2 acres

Field Size: 347' x 184'

Tot lot, barbecue pits, picnic tables, sports fields



Originally major pasture for the Mission of San Jose, the land became public in 1835. Juan Pablo Bernal bought the land in 1848 and Martin Mendenhall was known to have lived here in 1852. The site was sold to August Hagemann in 1892 and he leased it to H.O. Ruter until 1916, when the Herbert Hagemann family took up residence. The house on the property is the oldest in Livermore, having been built in 1848 to house the workers who rode the range and herded the cattle. In the early 1860-70s a brick yard operated on the slopes of the hill. The original park was constructed by Tom Therp Contractor Inc. of Dublin and John J. Buranis Construction Inc. of Livermore for a cost of \$133,972 in 1983. The park includes two youth-sized sports fields and is City-owned and LARPD maintained.

HAL CHESTNUT FIELD

Livermore Flying Electrons

Radio Control Club Inc.

4455 Raymond Road

23 acres

<http://www.lferc.com>



This site is located on a former City dump site in northern Livermore that was closed in 1962. The flying field plus pedestrian access (retrieval area) totals 800 feet by 1,250 feet. The facilities consist of a landing and takeoff surface (an asphalt runway that is 400' x 40'), driveway, parking area, chemical restroom, storage containers, shade structures and table/seating benches.

The Livermore Flying Electrons (LFE) first leased the property through the City beginning in 1986. In 2005 the property was leased to LARPD and then subleased to LFE.

HOLDENER PARK

2995 Hansen Road

55 acres



This park is named for the Holdener family who operated a drive-in dairy. The dairy closed in 1980 and the remaining 5 acres were sold to a commercial developer. In the 1990s, the Zumbachs developed a portion of the 102.5-acre ranch and gave 55 acres to LARPD as a mitigation requirement. The park opened in 2008 and is LARPD owned and maintained.

IDA HOLM PARK

1106 Crystal Circle

6 acres

Tot lot, picnic tables



The federal government bought the land from the Holm family in 1925 and drilled several wells to supply water to the Veterans Administration Hospital. The park was built in 1974 and named "Holmwell" until August 1999 when it was renamed "Ida Holm" (1861-1939) in memory of the Holm Family matriarch. To create the park, more than 700 hours of volunteer labor and \$3,000 were donated by park neighbors. This park is City owned and LARPD maintained.

INDEPENDENCE PARK

2798 Holmes Street

17.7 acres

Field Size: 526' x 850'

Tot lot, barbecue pits, picnic tables,
sports fields, restrooms



This park was named in honor of the bicentennial year in which it was created. The land was dedicated to the City by the Sunset Development Company. It was part of the old Crum Ranch.

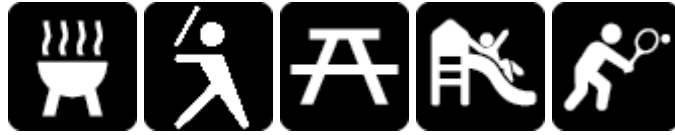
Three full-sized sports fields and restrooms were built in 1984. Pathways were completed in 1985, and parking lot improvements and expansion were completed in 1998. The play area was renovated in 2005. Three sports fields are named Kellman I, II and III in memory of a Livermore child Michael Kellman Jr, who was a very active soccer player. He was killed in an automobile accident by a drunk driver at Seventh and I streets on September 24, 1975, at the age of 11, on his way to a soccer game. A flagpole was erected in 2013 and is dedicated to veterans, in memory of WWII veteran Henry (Hank) Nunes. This park is City-owned and LARPD maintained.

JACK WILLIAMS PARK

2041 Neptune Road

4.1 acres

Tot lot, barbecue pits, picnic tables, and tennis courts



This park, formerly Neptune Park, consists of 2.3 acres that were given to the community in 1972 by Sunset Development Company and the remaining acres were donated by Homestate Savings and Loan (formerly Hayward Savings and Loan) in 1983.

Construction bids were awarded in August 1985 and the total cost of \$101,661 was provided from City parkland in-lieu fees and from Park Development fees.

Alden Lane Nursery, the Williams family and LARPD co-ventured the plan, the plants and a special memorial site section as a tribute to Jack Williams, a former City Councilman and Livermore resident since 1915, who owned and operated Alden Lane Nursery until his death in 1983. In 1988, Neptune Park was re-named Jack Williams Park. The tennis courts were resurfaced in 2002, irrigation was renovated in 2006. This park is City-owned and LARPD maintained.

JACKSON AVENUE SCHOOL

554 Jackson Avenue

Field size: 248' x 544'

School type: Elementary

American Little League baseball fields, batting cages

Extended Student Services provided by LARPD



The school is located adjacent to Robert Livermore Park.

JOE MICHELL SCHOOL

1001 Elaine Avenue

School type: K-8

Extended Student Services provided by LARPD



LARPD helped develop the turf area of the ballfields.

JOHN GREENE TRAILHEAD

Arrowhead Avenue and Arrowhead Court
Picnic table and trail



This site is City-owned and LARPD maintained.

JUNCTION AVENUE SCHOOL

298 Junction Avenue

Field size: 1,158' x 378'

School type: K-8

Extended Student Services and PAL program provided by LARPD



The site has an outdoor roller hockey rink and track.

KARL WENTE PARK

1455 Kingsport Avenue

3.1 acres

Tot lot, picnic tables



This park was named for the third generation of the Wente family to run the Wente Bros. Winery on Tesla Road. Karl Wente was the first Zone 7 Water Conservation District board chairman, a member of the original Valley Memorial Hospital Board of Directors, and had been chairman of the State Colleges and Universities board of trustees. He served on the boards of the California Wine Institute, California State Automobile Association, California Water Service Co., Bank of America and Pacific Gas and Electric Co. Karl was a grandson of winery founder Herman Wente and the son of Ernest Wente. He and his wife Jean Wente had three children: Eric, Philip and Carolyn. The playground was renovated in 2009 and the park is City-owned and LARPD maintained.

LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

3033 Collier Canyon Road



LESTER J. KNOTT PARK

655 North Mines Road

5.2 acres

Tot lot, picnic tables, and basketball courts



Lester Knott served on the LARPD Board from 1958-1982. Les was born in Eastern Nebraska in 1918, the fifth of eight children. He was raised on a farm and educated in Nebraska, then left college to enter the military in 1941. As a WWII veteran, he entered the Army Air Corps as a private and rose to the rank of Captain. He met and married Erna Bell and they had three children. Les and his family moved to Livermore in 1953 where he continued his career with the Veterans Administration. He was very active in local, church and civic affairs and was a founding member of Our Savior Lutheran Ministries. He served five consecutive terms on the LARPD Board. He had 12 grandchildren and 14 grandchildren, and passed away in 2011. This 5.2 acre site was dedicated in 1995 by Pulte Home Corporation and the park was designed by Rick Samson. The \$500,000 worth of improvements included a shade structure, pathways, picnic tables, and basketball court. This park is City-owned and LARPD maintained.

LIVERMORE DOWNS PARK

2110 Paseo Laguna Seco

4.5 acres

Tot lot, basketball courts, pickle ball courts, sports field



Livermore Downs Assessment District was formed in June 1986 by LARPD at the request of the Homeowner's Association and the developer. The developer was required to transform a quarry area into a park and solicited LARPD's help. Park improvements were made in 2018 that included the addition of pickleball courts. This park is owned and operated by LARPD.

LIVERMORE HIGH SCHOOL

600 Maple Street

Field size: 307' x 642'

School type: High School



MAITLAND R. HENRY PARK

1525 Mendocino Road

4.6 acres

Tot lot, barbeque pits, and picnic tables



Maitland Henry Neighborhood Park was first dedicated in 1972 when it and the surrounding neighborhood were developed. It was rededicated following a 1990 remodeling and again in October 2003 after a \$242,000 renovation of the site, including new play equipment, a drinking fountain, ADA accessible ramp, landscaping and an improved infrastructure.

The park's namesake operated The Livermore Herald (later the Tri-Valley Herald) Weekly Newspaper for 44 years. He came to Livermore as a child in 1899 when his father, Arthur L. Henry, purchased the Livermore Herald. "Mait," as he was known, became publisher in 1921 upon his father's death. Henry was active in the local Rotary Club, Lions Club, Livermore Post of the American Legion, Livermore Stockmen's Rodeo Association, Livermore Chamber of Commerce, Livermore High School Board of Trustees, Livermore Library Board of Trustees, Livermore Historical Society, Livermore Aerie of Eagles and the Boy Scouts of America Twin Valley District Committee. He was one of the last surviving members of the Company I National Guard Unit. He died on July 26, 1976. This park is City-owned and LARPD maintained.

MARLIN A. POUND PARK

2010 Bluebell Drive

9 acres

Tot lot, barbeque pits, picnic tables, basketball courts,
hiking/bicycle trails, sports fields, dog park



This park was named for Marlin A. Pound who served on the Board for 32 years (1968-2000) and represented park and recreation interests on the local, state and federal levels. This nine-acre park was designated a park in 1975 and dedicated as North Livermore Neighborhood Park in 1980. It was part of the Proud Country development and the developers were Kauffman and Broad. The initial four acres were developed between 1977-80 with the cooperation and assistance of the neighborhood and the Livermore Jaycees. In 1984 Citation Builders donated \$30,000 for improvements to the original tot-lot.

As the surrounding land developed, the park grew to the west and access was opened via Springtown Boulevard and a bicycle and pedestrian trail linked it to Altamont Creek. A new play area, shade structure, basketball court, paths, landscaping and irrigation were completed in June 1992 at a cost of \$442,000.

A backstop, enclosed dog park and additional landscaping and irrigation, were later added at a cost of \$200,000. This park is City-owned and LARPD operated.

MARYLIN AVENUE SCHOOL

800 Marilyn Avenue

Field size: 149' x 648'

School type: Elementary

Extended Student Services provided by LARPD



MAX BAER PARK

1310 Murdell Lane

11.8 acres

Field Size: 548' x 546'

A barbeque pit, picnic tables, ball fields, dog park,
portable restrooms, Jane Addams pre-school



This park is named for the world heavyweight boxing champion who later appeared in films and on television. Max was raised in Livermore on the Twin Oaks Ranch at the end of Holmes Street. Max won 84 professional fights from 1929-1941, accumulating a record of 71-13-0 with 53 knockouts. A career highlight was knocking out “the pride of Nazi Germany’s” Max Schmelling while wearing a Star of David on his trunks. The Max Baer plaque from the Bay Area Sports Hall of Fame that was hung at SFO has been installed at the park entrance.

The Little League Intermediate Division World Series has been held at Max Baer Park since 2013. This park was also the site of the first LARPD dog park, when Dr. Martin Plone, a local veterinarian, suggested it to LARPD and raised money for it. The Jane Addams preschool playground was renovated in 2019. This park is LARPD owned and maintained.

MAY NISSEN PARK

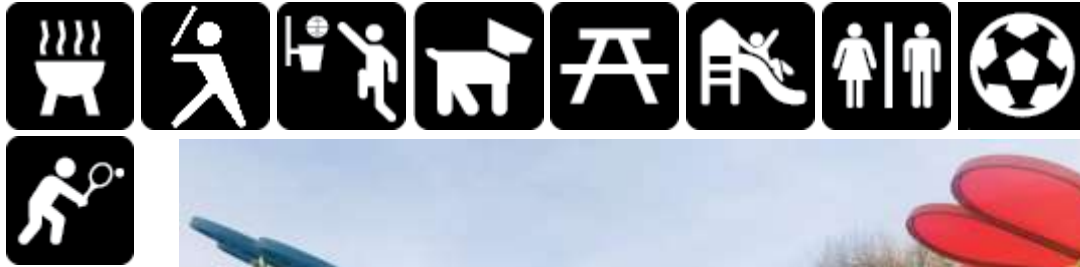
685 Rincon Avenue

12.2 acres

Community Park, swim center, tot lots, group picnics, barbeque pits, picnic tables, basketball courts, restrooms, horseshoe pits, sports fields, tennis courts, dog park,

Preschool program provided by LARPD

Rentable facilities



The City bought the land, once a chicken ranch, in the mid-1950s and opened a park, naming it Northside Park. Jack Williams, owner of Alden Lane Nursery, led the grassroots effort to name the park after the longtime Livermore teacher, May Nissen. The park was renamed May Nissen Park in 1962. The pool was constructed by LARPD in 1963 and was home to the Aquacowboys for many years. In the early 1990s, the pool, locker rooms and deck were renovated. In 2009, the softball/baseball field was renovated and renamed the Randy Johnson Junior Giants Field, after hometown boy, Randy Johnson, Hall of Famer and five-time winner of the Cy Young award for professional baseball pitchers. The award-winning playground was renovated in 2019. This park is City-owned and LARPD maintained.

MENDENHALL SCHOOL

1701 El Padro Drive

Field Size: 142' x 566'

School type: Middle School

Extended Student Services provided by LARPD

baseball fields



This school is adjacent to El Padro Park.

MOCHO PARK

1130 Mocho Street

3.6 acres

Tot lot, picnic tables



This park opened in 1987 and was named for Arroyo Mocho. The park site was purchased by the City in 1974. Initially, LARPD took the position that the site was too small for a park and a poor location and therefore did not develop a park. In 1983, more than 400 neighbors indicated their strong interest in having a park and the Board reversed their decision. Park development cost over \$100,000 and was paid from Park Development Fees. This park is City-owned and LARPD maintained.

MURRIETA MEADOWS

Between Daisyfield Drive and East Stanley Boulevard

1.5 acres

Trails and open space area along the Arroyo Mocho



This site is City-owned and LARPD maintained.

NORTHFRONT PARK AND TRAILHEAD

6315 Almaden Way

Tot lot, barbecues, picnic tables, hiking/bicycle trails



Named for the street on which it is located. Phase I completed in 2003. Phase II (turf, landscaping, access points, picnic area) was completed in 2006. This park is LARPD owned and maintained.

PLEASURE ISLAND PARK

280 Pearl Drive

6.9 acres

Tot lot, picnic tables



Opened in 1973 and rededicated in April 1990, this park was originally called "Tire Park" for the tires that constituted its original, low-budget play equipment. Its current name came from a contest conducted among Sonoma Elementary School students. The 2.5 acres nearest to Murdell Lane were developed in 1973 and the rest of the park was developed in 1990. The site was originally to be adjacent to a 15.5-acre elementary school, but plans changed, and instead the Hofmann Company bought the property to develop home sites. A new playground was finished in 2019. This park is City-owned and LARPD maintained.

RALPH T. WATTENBURGER PARK

1515 Honeysuckle Road

5.4 acres

Tot lot, barbeque pits, and picnic tables



This park opened in 1984. A new play area and landscape improvements were completed in 2005. In 2014, a perimeter walkway was completed by Ponderosa Homes as part of a housing development adjacent to the north border of the park. This park was named for superintendent of Livermore School District, who served in the mid-1940s through the mid-1950s. This park is City-owned and LARPD maintained.

RANCHO LAS POSITAS SCHOOL

401 East Jack London Boulevard

Field size: 397' x 337'

School type: Elementary

Extended Student Services provided by LARPD



RAVENSWOOD HISTORIC SITE

2647 Arroyo Road

19.9 acres

Meeting rooms, restrooms

Rentable areas



Courtesy of the Livermore Heritage Guild

Ravenswood was built by Christopher A. Buckley, Sr., known as the "Blind Boss" of San Francisco politics in the 1870s and 80s. While it served as a summer home for the Buckley family from 1885 to 1920, it was also one of the larger early vineyards in the Livermore Valley, with 100 acres in grapes and a winery production of 500,000 gallons per year. In 1931, the estate was acquired by a Catholic order, the Redemptorist Fathers. Called "Villa San Clemente" by the priests, Ravenswood served as their religious retreat for over 30 years. In 1968, Ravenswood was purchased by developer Masud Mehran, who gave the core 32.6 acres to the City to be used as a park. The 1891 Main House and 1885 Tank House were restored by LARPD in 1979, just three years after the District took over operation and renovation of the site. The 1885 Cottage was restored in 1986. Ravenswood is on the National Register of Historic Places, is a State of California Historical Point of Interest, and is a City of Livermore Historic Preservation Landmark Site. Free public tours are conducted by costumed docents hosted by the Ravenswood Progress League. Porch and roof replacements were completed in 2019. This site is City-owned and LARPD maintained.

RAVENSWOOD PARK

2632 Tahoe Drive

3.5 acres

Tot lot, barbecue pit, picnic tables



This park opened in 1972 and was named after adjoining historic Ravenswood site. The park is City-owned and LARPD maintained.

R.E. MERRITT BUILDING (Trevarno)

71 Trevarno Road
Meeting rooms, offices



Built in the 1920s, LARPD renovated it in 1974 and in 1976, Trevarno Road was designated a historical street. The building was again renovated in 1991 to meet new seismic standards. This site is now used for youth services (ESS, preschool, PAL) and Capital Improvement Project/Planning offices. Little House preschool is located next door in a building also owned by the District.

The building is located on Trevarno Road, meaning “head of the valley” and came from the estate in Cornwall owned by George Bickford, son of the safety fuse inventor. All of the buildings on Trevarno Road were built and originally owned by the company. The R.E. Merritt Building, the office building for Coast Manufacturing, was named for Ralph E. Merritt, president of the company from 1946-1964. His grandfather, father, and uncle were presidents before him, beginning in 1867. Ralph E. Merritt was active in the successful campaign to make LARPD a special district governed by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors. The building and one of the company bungalows were given to LARPD in 1974, after the local school district used the Merritt building for several years. LARPD used the building for its headquarters until the opening of the Robert Livermore Community Center in 2005. This site is owned and maintained by LARPD.

ROBERT LIVERMORE COMMUNITY CENTER

4444 East Avenue
Swim center, basketball courts,
meeting rooms, restrooms
Rentable facilities



Named after Robert Livermore (1799-1858) and dedicated in 2005. The 71,000-square-foot building plus 46,000-square-foot aquatics area was designed by BSA Architects and constructed by Overaa Construction for \$26,274,617. The Robert Livermore Community Center includes the Senior Services Center, Aquatics Center, and the Recreation Center. The Community Center offers the Cresta Blanca ballroom (which can accommodate over 400 guests), conference and reception rooms, offices, and includes the Senior Services Center. The Robert Livermore Aquatics Center spans 45,000 square-feet with a 25-yard-by-33-meter pool available for lap and recreational swimming, lessons, water polo and exercise classes. The Center's zero-depth-entry activity pool has an interactive play structure with waterfalls and water cannons. The pool also includes a 22-foot-long spiral water slide. The pool deck was replaced and the pool was re-plastered in 2019. The Recreation Center has a double sized gym, preschool, dance studio, meeting rooms, a seasonal café, and activity rooms. The facilities are LARPD owned and located on property owned by the City.

ROBERT LIVERMORE PARK

491 Loyola Way

29.9 acres

Field size: 705' x 470'

Picnic tables, sports fields, restrooms,
softball/baseball fields, tennis courts,
sand volleyball courts, group picnics,
barbecue pits, rentable facilities



This park opened in 1971, was rededicated in 1991 and features two full-sized sports fields, one youth sports field and two little league softball/baseball fields. This park was named for the City's namesake and is approximately 29.9 acres and was formerly agricultural land used for field crops and grazing. This park was the original motocross site. The park improvement was funded by 1987's passage of Measure G and included four lighted tennis courts, two sports fields, outdoor sand volleyball courts, basketball court, street improvements and a parking area. The park is City-owned and LARPD maintained.

ROBERTSON PARK

3200 Robertson Park Road

110.3 acres

Rentable facilities



3 full-sized sport fields
dog event area/north sport field
special events- rodeo stadium,
covered arena, pole barn,
2 full-sized softball/baseball fields
9 basket disk golf course



77 acres were purchased from the Tobin family, who asked that the park be named for their relative, Dr. John Robertson, an early Livermore physician and founder of the Livermore Sanitarium (College Avenue and L St.). In 1967 LARPD used \$250,000 from the City to buy 12 more acres from the Caldeira Family to provide high ground for the rodeo stadium (replacing the condemned facility on Pacific Avenue). In the early 1980s the Livermore Valley Rotary Club helped LARPD and the Livermore Stockmen's Rodeo Association provide stadium night lights. The park grew to its current size with land from the City and from two small acquisitions. The eastern 25% of the park, including the Ernie Rodrigues Softball Fields, is City owned and maintained by LARPD. The lower field was lighted in 2015. Shade structures were added to the playground in 2018.

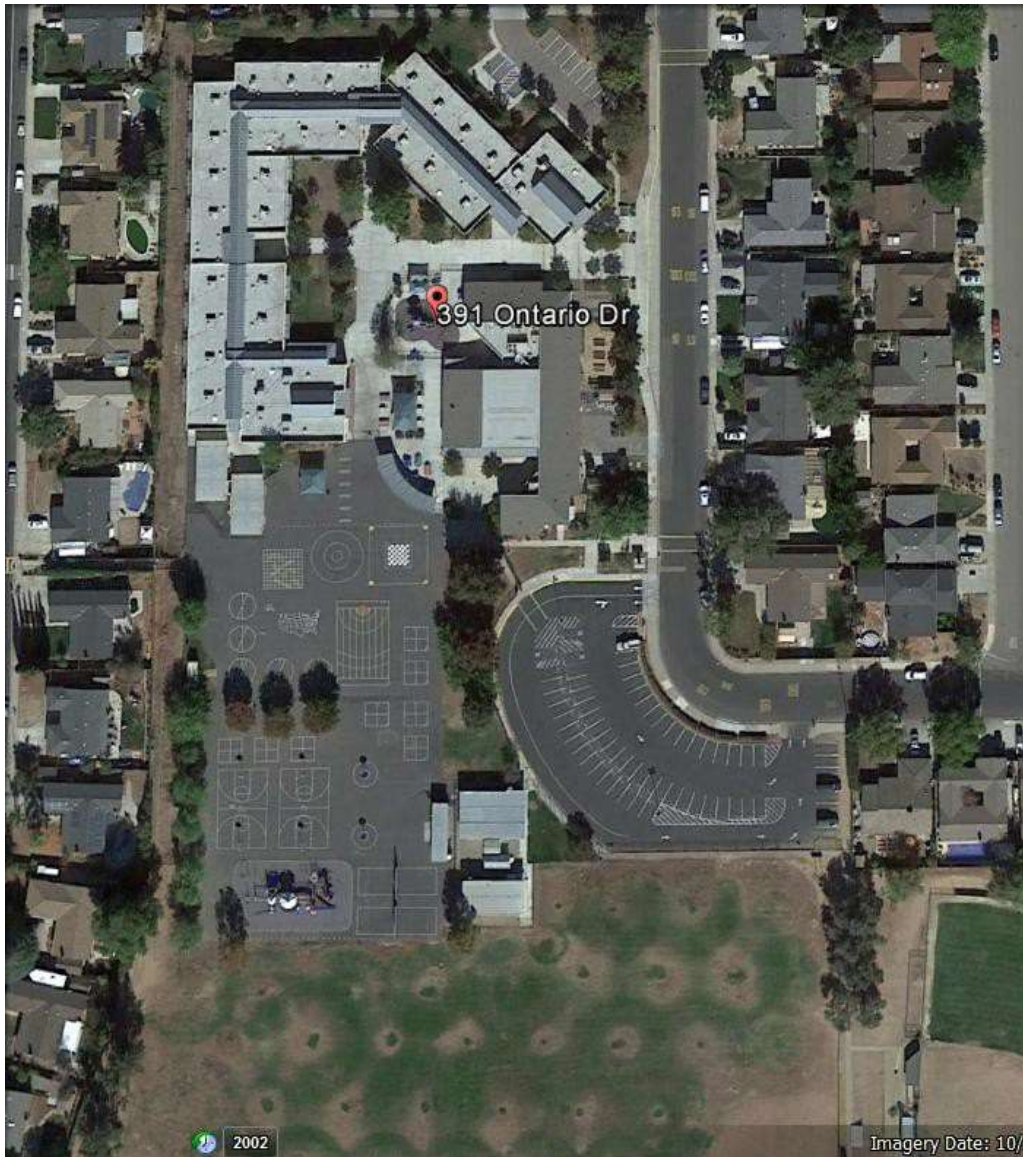
SMITH SCHOOL

391 Ontario Drive

Field size: 502' x 271'

School type: Elementary

Extended Student Services provided by LARPD
ballfield



LARPD helped develop the turf areas of the ballfields.

SUMMIT PARK

6332 Tioga Pass Court

3.9 acres

Tot lot, picnic tables



Phase I of the park opened in July 2001 and was named for the surrounding streets (Scenic Avenue, Half Dome Way, Carson Pass Way, and so on). Initially, only portions of the park (tot lot, picnic area, and walkways) were open to the public and the turf remained fenced off because the work done by contractors did not meet LARPD standards. By September 2001, LARPD staff had worked to improve the turf and also installed swings. The tot lot structure was replaced in 2006 after damage due to fire. This park is City-owned and LARPD maintained.

SUNKEN GARDENS SKATE PARK

3800 Pacific Avenue

8.9 acres

Bike course and skate park,
picnic tables, hiking/bicycle trails
portable restroom



This was the first piece of land that the LARPD Board bought (1959) and had been called Sunken Gardens' for years prior to becoming part of the District. The purchase was from home builder Roy Jensen for \$8,500 (\$1,000 per acre). A master plan for the neighborhood park was completed in 2000. It included a skate park, dog park, turf, a tot lot and pathways. Beginning in 1998, LARPD created a committee of citizens (including persons aged 14-25) to work on the creation of the skate park. Ground was broken in late-August, 2000 on the \$281,333 project (including \$245,000 in construction, \$21,000 for the architect and \$15,000 for required soil tests and maps) and the skaters were first permitted on the fresh concrete in January 2001. The skate park was dedicated on Saturday, March 10, 2001. The City helped fund this phase with \$205,000 from its 1999-00 budget. In February, 2001 the LARPD Board of Directors authorized additional improvements, including asphalt trail connections, pathways, gravel edging, benches, a water fountain, fencing, turf and a parking lot.

SUNSET PARK

Park 1055 Geneva Street; 6.7 acres

Field size: 183' x 382'

Tot lot, picnic tables, sports fields, ESS site

School 1040 Florence Road

Field size: Irregular



This site was named for developer Masud Mehran's Sunset Development Company that built the surrounding homes. The park has several youth-sized sports fields. Construction for a n new playground will be completed in 2020. The park is City-owned and LARPD maintained.

SYCAMORE GROVE PARK

1051 Wetmore Road and 5211 Arroyo road

847 acres

Picnic tables, hiking/bicycle trails, horse trails, restrooms, group picnic area, barbecue pits, pond with viewing deck, interpretive and natural plant garden and wildlife habitat areas



Sycamore Grove Park is an open space park, preserved for nature study and passive recreation. It provides habitat for a number of special status species including the CA red-legged frog and tiger salamander, western pond turtle and burrowing owl.

LARPD purchased the original 364 acres in 1974 from the New York Rock & Trap Company and named the park for its stand of sycamore trees, perhaps the largest in the state. In 1999 an additional 370 acres of upland area was added to the park as part of the South Livermore Valley Specific Plan. A 73.02 acre addition was purchased from the Bobba family by TVC and transferred to LARPD in 2015. The trail was re-paved in 2018 and Tri-Valley Conservancy's Robert R. Campbell bridge project was completed in 2019.

TEX SPRUIELL PARK

5411 Felicia Avenue

9.9 acres

Tot lot, barbecue pits, picnic tables,
basketball courts, exercise stations



This park opened in 1986 and was named for one of the first elected Board of Directors who served from 1958-1968. He was the original owner of Red Carpet Realtors and for many years, he sponsored a Park and Recreation undergraduate college scholarship. The \$300,000 cost of the project was paid from City's parkland in-lieu fees and from Park Development Fees. This park is City-owned and LARPD maintained.

VETERANS

522 S. L Street

0.3 acre

Meeting rooms, restrooms

Rentable facilities



Dedicated in 1931 and owned by Alameda County. LARPD took over maintenance and operations of the building in 1977. The County continues to be responsible for major building repairs while LARPD is responsible for scheduling and maintenance of the facility.

The building has a large auditorium 50 feet wide and 75 feet in length, which seats up to 250 banquet style and 400 lecture style. There is a kitchen on site and a large serving area. Renters are required to do their own set up and take down of equipment at this facility. There is no audio/visual equipment available in the facility. There is a memorial wall outside of the facility that was created by the veterans group.

VISTA MEADOWS PARK

2450 Westminster Way

5.4 acres

Tot lot, picnic tables, dog park



First opened in 1975, the park is named for the sweeping vista from its highest point. The name includes "meadows", which was part of the name of the surrounding housing tract. A one-acre dog park was added in the summer of 2000. This park is City-owned and LARPD maintained.

WILLIAM (BILL) J. PAYNE

5800 Patterson Pass Road

14 acres

Field size: 571' x 237'

Baseball east: 311' x 326'

Softball/Baseball west: 399' x 292'

BMX Course, portable restrooms



The park land was previously used for agricultural purposes. The park was dedicated in 2002 and includes two softball/baseball fields, a sports field, a BMX course, and a parking lot with 125 regular spots and 8 handicapped-accessible spots. The park was named for Bill Payne, an LARPD employee for 28 years, serving as General Manager for 25 of those years. A completed master plan for this park was approved by the Board in December 2018. This park is City-owned and LARPD maintained.

Park Kiosks and Message Boards

Parks	Number of Kiosks or Message Boards
Almond Park	2
Altamont Creek	1
Bruno Canziani	3
Independence	1
Marlin Pound	3
May Nissen	1
Ravenswood Historical Site	1
RLCC	2
Robert Livermore	1
Robertson	3
Sunken Gardens	1
William Payne	1



Parks and Facilities

Swim Center	Tot Lot Equipment	Group Picnics	Barbecue Pits	Picnic Pits	Sports Tables	Sports Field(s)	Basketball Courts	Equestrian Facilities	Hiking/Bicycle Trails	Horse Trails	BMX Course	Meeting Rooms	Restrooms	Horseshoe Pits	Baseball/Softball Fields	Tennis Courts	Rentable	Dogpark/Dog Run
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Al Caffodio Park	1361 Shawnee Rd.	2	•	•	•															
Almond Park	1555 Almond Ave.	4	•	•	•					•										
Altamont Creek Park	6800 Altamont Creek Dr.	6.9	•	•	•	•	•			•						•				
Barn, The	3131 Pacific Ave.	0.5												•	•				•	
Big Trees Park	5470 Kathy Wy.	4.2	•		•	•														
Bill Clark Park	5451 Hillflower Dr.	2.8	•		•	•														
Bothwell Park & Art Center	2466 Eighth St.	2	•	•	•	•														
Bruno Canziani Park	5907 Charlotte Wy.	14.7	•		•			•	•	•										•
Brushy Peak Regional Preserve	Laughlin Rd.	507	LARPD Section by Tour Only / EBRPD Section Open																	
Camp Shelly (25 campsites)	South Lake Tahoe					•									•	•			•	
Carnegie Building	2155 Third St.													•					•	
Cayetano Park	698 Portola Ave.	9.8	•	•	•	•	•	•							•					•
Christensen Park	5611 Bridgeport Cir.	7	•	•	•	•	•										•			
El Padro Park	1731 El Padro Dr.	5	•			•														
Ernie Rodrigues Sports Field	S Liv Ave./Concannon Blvd.	11																		
Garaventa Wetlands Preserve	Vasco/Garaventa Ranch Rd.	21	closed preserve																	
Hagemann Park	459 Olivina Ave.	7.9	•	•	•	•	•													
Holdener Park	2995 Hansen Rd.	55								•	•									
Ida Holm Park	1106 Crystal Cir.	5.5	•		•	•														
Independence Park (Kellman Fields)	2798 Holmes St.	17.7	•	•	•	•	•								•					•
Jack Williams Park	2041 Neptune Rd.	4.1	•		•	•												•		
Karl Wente Park	1455 Kingsport Ave.	3.1	•			•														
Lester J. Knott Park	655 N. Mines Rd.	5	•			•		•												
Livermore Downs Park	1655 Paseo Laguna Seco	4.5	•						•											
Maitland R. Henry Park	1525 Mendocino Rd.	4.6	•		•	•														
Marlin A. Pound Park	2010 Bluebell Dr.	9	•			•		•	•	•							•			•
Max Baer Park	1310 Muddell Ln.	11.8			•	•											•			•
May Nissen Park	685 Rincon Ave.	12.2	•	•	•	•									•	•	•	•	•	•
Mocho Park	1130 Mocho St.	3.6	•		•	•														
Northfront Park	6315 Almaden Wy.	2.3	•		•	•				•										
Pleasure Island Park	280 Pearl Dr.	6.9	•			•														
Ralph T. Wattenburger Park	1515 Honeysuckle Rd.	5.4	•		•	•											•			
Ravenswood Historic Site	2647 Arroyo Rd.	19.9													•	•			•	
Ravenswood Park	2632 Tahoe Dr.	3.5			•	•														
Robert Livermore Community Center	4444 East Ave.		•						•						•	•			•	
Robert Livermore Park	491 Loyola Wy.	29.9			•	•	•								•		•	•	•	
Robertson Park	3200 Robertson Park Rd.	110	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•				•	•			•	•
Summit Park	6332 Tioga Pass Ct.	3.9	•			•														
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Bike Course and Skate Park	3800 Pacific Ave.	8.9				•				•										
Sunset Park	1055 Geneva St.	6.7	•			•	•													
Sycamore Grove Park	1051 Wetmore Rd./ 5049 Arroyo Rd.	847		•		•				•	•				•				•	
Tex Spruiell Park	5411 Felicia Ave.	9.9	•			•				•										
Veterans Memorial Building	522 S. "L" St.	0.3													•	•			•	
Vista Meadows Park	2450 Westminster Wy.	5.4	•			•														•
William (Bill) J. Payne Park	5900 Patterson Pass Rd.	14				•	•	•				•					•			

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PARKS, FACILITIES, and TRAILS

