

Proclamation

PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH JULY 2026

WHEREAS, parks and recreation are an integral part of the Menlo Park community, promoting wellness, belonging, togetherness and celebration while improving physical and mental health for residents of all ages and walks of life; and

WHEREAS, park and recreation programming and education activities, such youth sports, summer and afterschool enrichment and extracurricular activities, are critical to childhood development; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation encourage physical activities by providing space for sports, hiking, swimming, skating, celebrating and many other activities designed to promote active lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation increase a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses and crime reduction; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation are essential and adaptable infrastructure that help our communities be resilient in the face of natural disasters and climate change; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation professionals foster a sense of belonging in their community by providing welcoming and inclusive programs, essential services for all ages and abilities and safe, accessible spaces to build meaningful connections; and

WHEREAS, as we have more multi-family housing and the number of our city residents increases, parks and recreation facilities become ever more important; and

WHEREAS, the City of Menlo Park appreciates the dedicated efforts of the Parks and Recreation Commission, Youth Advisory Committee, City staff and community volunteers who support and maintain our parks, as well as the residents and community members who visit them;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Betsy Nash, Mayor of the City of Menlo Park, on behalf of the City Council and City, do hereby proclaim and celebrate July 2026 as Parks and Recreation Month in Menlo Park.

Betsy Nash, Mayor
July 14, 2026