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Hayward Area Recreation and Park District **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

H.A.R.D. BOARD OF DIRECTORS' BI-MONTHLY MEETING *Actions and Calendar of Upcoming Events*

Hayward, CA (Tuesday, March 24, 2015)

The Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (H.A.R.D.) conducted its Board of Directors' meeting on Monday, March 23, 2015. The following action was taken:

- Authorized request to purchase a Shade Structure for Kennedy Park in the amount of \$24,561.77 which includes the structure and installation from Ross Recreational Equipment of Santa Rosa.
- Approved the naming of the new dog park located on Hampton Road to "Old Creek Dog Park of Cherryland". The committee also was looking for a way to tie in the historical significance of the park being adjacent to what was an original portion of San Lorenzo Creek.
- Appointed Mr. Rich Pimentel to the position of Park Caretaker in the Park Department at a starting salary of \$4,159 per month, \$49,908 annually, effective April 1, 2015.
- Accepted the request for retirement from Mr. Fidel Salvador- Mendez retirement effective March 31, 2015 who was extended sincere best wishes for a very happy, healthy and active retirement.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on **Monday, April 13, 2015** at **7:00 p.m.** at the **District Administration Office**. This meeting will be preceded by a **Budget Work Session** at **5:30 p.m.**

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| Continuous | Free E-Waste Pickup Fundraiser – Support Sorensdale Recreation Center. Not sure what to do with those old TV's, Computers, Monitors, Printers or anything with a cord? You can have it picked up and support Sorensdale Recreation Center at the same time! Visit www.eWaste4good.com to enter your information. A dispatcher will contact you to schedule a pickup date. |
| Continuous | The Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center's New Public Hours – HSIC is now open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Fridays, in addition to Saturdays and Sundays. The additional hours allow us to interact with the trail users and offer public programs to visitors on Fridays. The new hours went into effect at the beginning of September and will continue year round. |

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS – (Continued)

- Continuous Free Income Tax Assistance Services are available to households with a 2014 income of \$53,000 or less. Exceptions may apply. Call to see if you qualify for the free tax preparation. Held at the Hayward Area Senior Center by appointment; February 6 - April 15, Mondays and Tuesday 9:00am to 12:00 PM and Fridays; 9:00am -3:00pm. Also held at the Kenneth Aitken Senior Center by appointment on Wednesdays and Thursdays February 4 - April 15, 9:00am to 3:00 PM only.
- March 25 Castro Valley Veterans Memorial Meeting. In 2013 the Castro Valley Veterans Memorial was established. A request for expansion of the memorial has been requested by the Castro Valley VFW Post 9601. Residents are encouraged to attend the meeting to learn more about the details of the request and to provide input. The 6:30 p.m. meeting will be held at the Castro Valley Community Center, 18988 Lake Chabot Road, Castro Valley.
- March 28 Nature's Duets Exhibit Opening - For creatures born of double-stranded DNA, the allure of the pair bond is great. The exhibit Nature's Duets explores pair relationships in the animal world, ranging from the literal (predator/prey, parent/child, pollinator/pollinated) to the abstract (human/animal, lover/beloved, alone/together). Becky Jaffe's beautiful photographs offer a meditation on the nature of duality. Refreshments provided. Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center 901 Breakwater Avenue, Hayward, CA 94545 from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Exhibit will be on display until June 28, 2014.
- March 30 Douglas Morrisson Theatre announces the third 2014-2015 Bare Bones Stage Reading. THE HOW AND THE WHY by Sarah Treem, is a sharp, provocative new play about science, family and survival of the fittest. Tickets are available through the Box Office at (510) 881-6777 or online at www.dmtonline.org 22311 N. Third Street, Hayward. Please note that the play will have one performance. Mature language and subject matter. Appropriate for ages 16 and up.
- April 4 70th Annual Easter Egg Hunt & Bonnet Parade – Kennedy Park, 19501 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward. Registration 9:00 a.m. Bonnet Parade begins at 9:30 a.m. and will be led by the Easter Bunny! Judged categories for homemade bonnets: prettiest, most unusual & most colorful! Egg hunt immediately following parade.
- April 16 Douglas Morrisson Theatre presents the musical biography of the legendary singer-songwriter, Hank Williams, one of the great innovators of American popular music. The show follows his rise from humble honkytonk beginnings, and features such unforgettable songs as, "I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry", "Hey, Good Lookin'" and "Move It on Over" Douglas Morrisson Theatre for show times visit www.dmtonline.org 22311 N. Third Street, Hayward. April 16, - April 26 2015.

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