



CITY OF BANNING STAFF REPORT

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

FROM: Ralph Wright, Parks and Recreation Director

PREPARED BY: Ralph Wright, Parks and Recreation Director

MEETING DATE: October 15, 2025

SUBJECT: Update on City's Adopt a Park Program

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and File

BACKGROUND:

As part of the Beautifying Banning Parks program, the Parks and Recreation Department created and approved an Adopt a Park program that was later approved by the Banning City Council. This program was designed to aid in the efforts to keep Banning's parks clean and beautiful with groups adopting parks by holding clean ups where they would pick up trash and debris, clean graffiti, paint and perform small improvement projects. In late 2024, the Parks and Recreation Department started to implement our Adopt-A-Park program and solicited adopters for each of Banning's parks. In January 2025, the Banning Youth Council adopted Roosevelt Williams Park and the Diaz Family adopted Repplier Park. In February, a group called Heidie and Friends adopted Sylvan Park and the San Geronio Pass Rotary adopted Lion's Park. Lastly, in May, Mountain Ave Baptist Church and Calvary Christian adopted Richard Sanchez and the Stagecoach Day's Association adopted Dysart Park. With these adoptions, all Banning parks currently have an active adopter.

Through September, all but one group has completed at least one clean up, three of the groups, Heidie and Friends, Mountain Ave Baptist/Calvary Christian School and Stagecoach Days Association have completed at least two clean ups. Per the program parameters, once a group completes two clean ups, we will order and erect an adopt a park sign recognizing their respective work. We are currently in the process of ordering adopt a park signs for these groups.

The program has been a great success of creating a community endeavor, promoting volunteerism and community buy in for the parks and a number of the scheduled clean ups have had additional community volunteers participate.

One note: In addition to cleaning the existing parks, other beautifying ideas and project ideas are being discussed. The Banning Youth Council is working on a mural idea for Roosevelt Williams and will be bringing something to the Parks and Recreation Commission after the first of the year. And the Stagecoach Days Association is making improvements to the rodeo arena.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no impact associated with this update. However, the Adopt A Park program is aiding in the reduction of staff time and expenditures cleaning our parks.

ALTERNATIVES:

None Provided

