



## December 2023 Utica Park Newsletter

### Subcommittee Chooses Playground

We have seen some social media comments about WHY is a subcommittee choosing the playground! This element of Utica Park was the catalyst for remodeling the park overall. The Angels Camp Community Club raised funds to go towards the efforts. The funds raised by local donors was \$135,000. This playground is slated to cost over \$400,000! Public input to ensure that the vision for these structures, accessibility, future costs of maintenance, and ensuring that what was selected met the needs of those that will be using it was vital.

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### Next Meeting - December 13

The next Design Committee Meeting will be on Wednesday, December 13 at noon (Firehouse). This meeting will focus on exercise equipment. Why, you ask? The grant and the community wanted a focus on health. Not just healthy for our children but healthy for our community. Did you know that physical fitness is at the top of most people's minds? It is a growing trend that generations can enjoy!



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### When are we going to see progress!!!!!!

We understand and share your concerns about the delays in the much-anticipated multi-million dollar project that is set to transform our community grounds. It's important to acknowledge that this project, a significant remodel, comes with its complexities, and

sometimes, things don't unfold as planned.

Living in the same community, many of us, including City employees and the entire City Council, are directly affected by the changes in our surroundings. The inconvenience of losing access to the grounds is felt by everyone, and we want to assure you that we are doing everything within our power to address these concerns.

One of the challenges we faced was the necessity of debris removal as a preliminary step. This process had its own timeline, dictated by external factors, not aligning perfectly with our community calendar. Similarly, geotechnical testing, a crucial aspect of the project, is conducted on a schedule that is beyond our immediate control. We anticipate this testing to commence by the end of the year or the beginning of January.

It's crucial to remember that debris cleanup only concluded in August, setting the stage for the subsequent phases of the project. Currently, our team is diligently working together on a weekly basis to ensure that the project manager, geotechnical engineers, city staff, contractor, and design team are in sync with the unique needs and pressures of our city.

The upcoming stages will reveal visible progress, particularly in the form of earthwork, signifying the transformation we've all been eagerly awaiting. We recognize the importance of keeping you informed, and we commit to providing regular updates as the project advances.

Simultaneously, behind the scenes, we are meticulously fine-tuning every element that will constitute the park. While we had a preliminary plan in place, we are now refining details such as suppliers, colors, and specific pieces to ensure that the end result aligns seamlessly with the vision we collectively hold for our community space.

Your patience during this period of transition is immensely appreciated, and we remain dedicated to delivering a revitalized space that enhances our community's quality of life. We invite you to stay engaged and share your thoughts as we embark on this transformative journey together.

## Share the Newsletter

We currently have over 120 subscribers to this newsletter and we still hear frustration about the community not knowing what is going on with the park. The City will be sending out a physical newsletter in the January Utility Bill. This will not just be for Utica Park, but all City of Angels happenings. In the meantime, please share this newsletter and recommend subscribing using the QR link shown.



## Have you missed past newsletters, information, etc. on Utica Park?

The city has a comprehensive webpage dedicated to all of our projects, including Utica Park. There is probably more on this page than you want to know, but it is all available

should you want it and is regularly updated.

### Utica Park Page

Are you interested in planting a memorial tree, supporting memorial benches, or having your family brand used to commemorate our rich history in Angels Camp? Take the survey below so we can gather this information.

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