

**VISTA PLAYGROUND UPDATE**

The City of Vista with City Council approval started a project in early November to remove and replace all of the rubber playground surfacing at 9 of the City Parks. Much of the playground surfacing had reached the end of its useful life and needed replacement.

The work has been completed and all sites are open.

The newly installed playground surfacing has a 7-year warranty and city staff will be performing annual maintenance to help extend the useful life of this surfacing. Below are the playgrounds that were part of the project and the work that was completed at each site.

Wildwood Park – Removal and replacement of rubber surfacing.

South Buena Vista Park – Removal and replacement of rubber surfacing and new fencing.



Brengle Terrace Park – Removal and replacement of rubber surfacing.

Vista Sports Park – Removal and replacement of rubber surfacing.

Breeze Hill Park – Removal and replacement of rubber surfacing.

Raintree Park – Removal and replacement of rubber surfacing.

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**THE PRESIDENT’S CORNER**

The City of Vista held its second workshops (Land Use Alternatives) on January 30 at Hyatt Place. SVC Board members attended and participated in the discussion, which is part of the Vista General Place Update 2050 ([Vista2050](#)).

The workshop targeted four specific corridors:

Civic Center Drive & South Santa Fe Avenue  
(SE)

West Vista Way & North Melrose Drive

East Vista Way

Civic Center Drive & South Santa Fe Avenue  
(NE)

Two proposed Land Use Designations were presented for each corridor in addition to the Existing Land Use Designation - Neighborhood/Commercial:

Mixed Use Corridor with 21-45 units per acre

Mixed Use Corridor with 45-80 units per acre

The proposals are guided by the vision (goal) of maintaining the scale and character of Vista’s established residential neighborhoods, as well as preserving the community’s rural character, targeting higher density growth in and around Downtown and along Major Corridors, new mixed-use designations to reflect physical characteristics and development patterns along corridors, and increased maximum density of mixed-use designations to better incentivize private development. A lively discussion ensued covering topics such as consistency in high quality materials and functionality in architectural styles, traffic and parking, need for open spaces, pocket parks, walkability, livability, and affordability.

At the end of the workshop a consensus emerged for the higher density proposals in areas close to the freeways and downtown. Developments with colorful modern looking dwellings, using more wood materials and nicer architectural elements, were recommended. Underground parking, easier access to convenient transportations,

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## VISTA PLAYGROUND UPDATE *(Cont.)*

Luz Duran Park – Removal of wood mulch and replacement with rubber surfacing, and installation of new fencing.

Shadowridge Park – Removal and replacement of rubber surfacing.



Thibodo Park – Removal of wood mulch and replacement with rubber surfacing.

— Yale Jeffrey, Vista Public Works Dept.

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER *(Cont.)*

and improvements in air quality were also encouraged. Younger participants (mostly students) were keen in having more shopping areas, sit-down restaurants, better lighting, places to hangout, and access to more nature areas.

Francis Dumler  
President



## CARLSBAD CITY COUNCIL TAKES LEAD ON NOISE AND FLIGHT PATHS

Dear C4FA Supporters,

Here are some updates on aircraft noise at Palomar Airport, but first a shout out to the City of Carlsbad, Mayor Blackburn, and the City Council for bringing this issue to light and taking the lead to rectify it.

**The City of Carlsbad recently discovered that although Palomar Airport has an FAA approved VNAP (Voluntary Noise Abatement Procedures), Palomar's Fly Friendly VNAP flight path does not align with the FAA's prescribed flight paths. As a result, pilots are directed by air traffic control to follow FAA flight paths and not Palomar Airport's VNAP. The FAA's prescribed flight path directs aircraft over our homes, schools, and parks.**

So now we know... but why has this not been discovered or shared by the Palomar Airport Operations staff or the Palomar Airport Advisory Committee? Both are charged with the lead on the Fly Friendly Program intended to educate the pilots. How could they not know the situation between the FAA paths and the VNAP paths so this could be solved years ago? This seems outrageous considering all the years of noise complaints from the community with absolutely no resolution. This is, in fact, why the PAAC was created in the first place.

**The City of Carlsbad's first step is calling for roundtable discussions with County Airport Operations, the FAA, the City of Carlsbad, and interested stakeholders to understand why the VNAP flight path isn't the default flight path (as we've all been led to believe was the case) and what needs to happen to ensure the VNAP is**

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regularly implemented. You can be sure that C4FA and the HOA groups that have been working with the County and other airports on flightpaths and noise will be there.

You may read the City of Carlsbad's City Council Staff Report, which uncovered the flight path discrepancies here starting on page 150:

<https://www.carlsbadca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/16345>

A copy of the Fly Friendly VNAP flight path is included at the end of this email.

As always, if you have questions, please reach out to us at [c4fa.info@gmail.com](mailto:c4fa.info@gmail.com)

Thank you for your continued support. We will keep you posted.

**Your Friends and Neighbors at Citizens for a Friendly Airport**

## YOUR VISION FOR VISTA PARKS —

Visit [PlanVistaParks.com](http://PlanVistaParks.com)

Visit the Needs Assessment and Comprehensive Action Plan website for Recreation and Community Services. This process, shared with the community is planned to help enhance our parks, open spaces and recreational offerings systemwide.

Explore this website for information on our goals, timelines, and how you can be involved.

