

## **COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ**

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## SKATE FEATURE GRAND OPENING

The County of Santa Cruz and Supervisor Zach Friend invite the community to join us on Saturday, February 8 for the grand opening of a new, skateable art feature at Seacliff Village Park.

The event will feature live music, food and beverages and skateboarding demonstrations on the new equipment. Made possible by generous donations from Richard Novak and Rowland Rebele, the new skateable art feature overlooks Monterey Bay and includes references the S.S. Palo Alto, Aptos' famed "cement ship." The event will also feature the dedication of a donor plaque to be placed inside the park on the cement ship feature.

Dreamland Skate Parks provided design and their construction expertise in collaboration with Bredy Construction. The project was managed as a collaborative effort between Friends of Santa Cruz County Parks, Dreamland Skateparks, Bredy Construction, and local residents Tricia Proctor and Marie Martorella.

Richard Novak is a lifelong Capitola resident and founded iconic skateboard company NHS Inc. in 1972. Novak is dedicated to empowering local youth through school scholarships, local non-profit organizations, and encouraging outdoor recreational activities.

Longtime Aptos resident Rowland Rebele and his wife are local philanthropists who have contributed to the Rebele Family Shelter, UCSC's Institute of Arts and Sciences and local youth activities through funding for a youth coordinator role at Episcopal Church of St. John in Aptos.

**WHAT:** Seacliff Skateable Art Grand Opening

WHEN: Saturday, Feb. 8th, 1 p.m.

WHERE: Seacliff Village Park, McGregor Drive and Canterbury Drive, Aptos