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SEACLIFF VILLAGE PARK DEDICATION

The County of Santa Cruz will celebrate the completion of Seacliff Village Park with a park dedication ceremony on Thursday, Dec. 10, at 1 p.m. The event will be held rain or shine.

More than a decade in the making, Seacliff Village Park is the first neighborhood park in the vibrant Seacliff Village neighborhood, and the first in Aptos in more than a generation. Once designated for commercial development, the 1.25-acre site now features a lighthouse-themed playground, pathways, ADA-accessible picnic tables, drought-tolerant landscaping and public art by local artist Kathleen Crocetti.

"This park has been a dream of the community for a long time," Supervisor Zach Friend said. "To see it come to fruition is a testament to what can happen when a neighborhood comes together to leave a great legacy for the next generation."

Through the leadership of the Seacliff Improvement Association, Seacliff Needs A Park, Inc. (SNAP), and former Supervisor Ellen Pirie, the County acquired the site, at the corner of Sea Ridge Road and McGregor Drive, in 2007. Earthworks Paving Construction, Inc. was awarded the contract to build the park. The County also thanks Friends of Santa Cruz County Parks and the Santa Cruz County Parks & Recreation Commission for their work on bringing the park to construction.



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"After so many years, we are pleased to see this park become a reality for local residents. This could not have happened without the hard work and dedication of so many people who never lost sight of the prize, but most importantly the voters of Santa Cruz County for approving Measure F for Parks in 2014," Santa Cruz County Parks Director Jeff Gaffney said.

Seacliff Village will be the third new county park dedicated this year, along with The Heart of Soquel and The Farm Park, also in Soquel. Phase II of Seacliff Village Park, to be completed at a later date, includes an amphitheater for performances by local artists and musicians.

The Santa Cruz County Department of Parks and Recreation is also supporting a campaign to make improvements, including permanent restrooms, at the popular Polo Grounds County Park in Aptos. For more, go to <u>www.gogopolo.org</u>.

The Department manages nearly 60 parks, beaches, opens spaces and historic facilities, and offers a variety of community events and classes. For more, go to www.scparks.com.



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