



**City of Sunnyvale
Department of Public Works
Parks Division
INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN**



ORNAMENTAL WATER FEATURES IN NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Many park visitors have asked questions regarding water features in Sunnyvale parks. This Informational Bulletin is provided to answer the most common questions. There are two types of water features in our parks: ornamental ponds/streams and water play features. Following is information that may assist you in this topic.

Ornamental Ponds/Streams

Ornamental water features are located at Braly Park, Las Palmas Park, Serra Park and the Community Center.

With budgetary constraints in California, and locally in Sunnyvale, the City found the need to decrease service levels. Many services, such as ornamental water features, are provided for aesthetic or beautification, and are not health/safety or utilitarian in purpose. As a result, funding for these aesthetic elements was decreased to help provide funding for other services, including those for youth, seniors and the economically challenged.

Due to the nature of the property and a broader community focus, ponds at the Community Center remain filled and in service on a year-round basis. All ponds/streams at Braly, Las Palmas and Serra parks will be filled only during the months of June to September yearly; more specifically, from the Friday before Memorial Day to Labor Day Monday. With additional direction from City Council, these features may be refilled year-round at some future date. **These features are not intended for human contact or play and “No Wading” signs are posted around the perimeter.**

Water Play Features

Water play features are located near the playgrounds at Braly, Serra, Las Palmas, Ortega, Lakewood and Fair Oaks parks.

These features are available for use each day from April 1 through October 31, and use very little water. All of these features, with the exception on Las Palmas, can be activated by the user. As the Las Palmas feature must be activated by a staff member, it is only available by permit, and a fee is required. For more information or to secure a permit for the water play feature at Las Palmas Park, call (408) 730-7751. **These features are intended for interactive play. This water supply is potable and is not re-circulated to ensure it is clean and acceptable for human contact.**

For additional information on Sunnyvale parks, please call the Parks Division at (408) 730-7506.