

# NEWS



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## **EAGLE SCOUT BRINGS BOCCE BALL TO SUNNYVALE PARK**

SUNNYVALE, Calif. — You can never predict what will happen when you answer a hotline, and sometimes those calls can lead to great results. A request recently came in through Sunnyvale's volunteer hot line from a Boy Scout who was looking for an Eagle Scout project to do in Sunnyvale. The City's Parks Division accepts assistance from any size volunteer group that wants to help make the parks better for all to enjoy.

City staff worked with Scout Monchen Kao to create a plan to convert one of the two horse shoe courts at Ponderosa Park to a bocce ball court. Kao did all the planning and worked with City staff to come up with the materials. He enlisted the help of his family and fellow scouts to organize a force of up to 15 volunteers to complete the project in just five days.

Removing the horseshoe poles, backboards and surfacing was the first tedious step. They then set the grade and installed the border lumber. Next, they put down base rock and leveled the area. After the court was dressed up, the scouts were allowed to be the first to play bocce ball and threw the *pallino* (target ball) to start the game, very quickly learning some of the complexities of offense and defense.

Sunnyvale now has its first bocce ball court; an Eagle Scout has completed a great project and several volunteers got community service credits. A win – win – win project for all.

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