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SWEGLES PARK DEDICATION CEREMONY

WHAT: Dedication ceremony and sign unveiling for Sunnyvale's newest park

WHEN: 11 a.m., Saturday, August 10

WHERE: 545 Santa Real Ave., Sunnyvale

WHO: Sunnyvale Mayor Anthony (Tony) Spitaleri; Vice Mayor Jim Griffith; Councilmember Jim Davis; and Gail Swegles, Ron Swegles' widow

CONTACT: Day-of-event on-scene contact is Scott Morton, Superintendent of Parks and Golf, (408) 306-7274

BACKGROUND: Sunnyvale's newest park has a new name in honor of the late Ron Swegles, former Councilmember and Mayor, who passed away in July 2011 in the final year of his second term in office. He had a long career in public service as a member and chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission; member of the Senior Advisory Committee, the Downtown Planning Committee and the City's Planning Commission; and was first elected to the City Council in 2003, serving as Vice Mayor (2004-2005) and Mayor (2005-2006).

The City-owned 1-acre park is Sunnyvale's 21st park and is located at Fusion Sunnyvale, a 242-unit townhouse development at the corner of Duane Avenue and DeQuigne Drive. The City held a citywide contest to name the new park and the City Council selected Swegles Park from the submissions on July 9. In 2012, O'Brien Homes, the developer of Fusion Sunnyvale made improvements to develop the park at their expense to include landscaping, picnic tables and barbecue grills. The park was then conveyed to the City to fulfill the project's park dedication obligation and opened to the public.

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