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CITY OF LEMON GROVE NEWS

Grand Re-opening Lemon Grove Park



The City of Lemon Grove is excited to announce that construction is near completion at Lemon Grove Park. The play area has been replaced with a new and improved playground and swing set. This project is being completed with funding provided by

"THE FORMER PLAYGROUND STRUCTURE WAS INSTALLED 20 YEARS AGO"

the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation through the Proposition 68 Park and Water Bond Act of 2018 Per Capita program. Then contract was awarded to Miracle, an International Play

Equipment Manufacturer's Association (IPEMA) certified vendor for the purchase and installation of custom playground equipment utilizing Sourcewell's Cooperative Purchasing Program.

The former playground structure at Lemon Grove Park was installed over 20 years ago. It suffered from broken or missing parts, has incurred considerable repairs over the past few years and needed to be replaced in order to meet current playground safety standards. The new playground consists of new play areas for children ages 2 through 12 and has of a variety of

components such as slides, climbers, and ground level engagement pieces that conform to standards set-forth by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).



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"AS IT GETS WARMER, WE HOPE YOU COME BY TO RELAX IN OUR BEER GARDEN, WHICH IS BRIMMING WITH FLOWERS AND BUTTERFLIES. THE NATIVE PLANTINGS AROUND THE BUILDING AND IN THE PARKING LOT INSTALLED BY LEMON GROVE'S OWN BUSY BEE GARDEN COOP - EARNED US THE TITLE OF A MONARCH WATCH WAYSTATION."

LEMON GROVE BISTRO

Nestled in the heart of Lemon Grove, the Lemon Grove Bistro has quickly become a favorite among locals and visitors alike. With its warm ambiance, friendly service, and delicious European and American comfort food, this charming eatery offers a taste of home in every bite. The Lemon Grove Bistro is the brainchild of chef and co-founders, Rashi Wahidi, and Frederik Selchau bringing over thirty years of combined experience from meals and gatherings from around the globe. "We are grateful to so many Lemon Grove neighbors for coming out to support us in our first half year of being open, and we hope to be a place where the whole community feels at home. We love meeting other community members, hearing about their connection to this building from its long history, watching neighbors run into each other at the restaurant, and come back again with their family and friends," says Wahidi. The menu features a variety of classic diner favorites with a twist. From burgers and sandwiches to savory oven-roasted chicken breast and beef bourguignon, the Lemon Grove Bistro has something for everyone.



Pictured: Co-founders Rashi Wahidi & Frederik Selchau

So, next time you are in the area, be sure to stop by Lemon Grove Bistro and experience the magic for yourself. You won't be disappointed!

In addition to its delicious food, Lemon Grove Bistro is also known for its warm and inviting atmosphere. The decor is cozy and eclectic, with vintage-inspired touches that add to its charm. Whether you're dining alone or with a group, you'll feel right at home at the Lemon Grove Bistro. Customer reviews of Lemon Grove Bistro have been overwhelmingly positive, with many praising the friendly service and delicious food. "This place is a gem," says one reviewer.

Located at the former Sonka brothers general store, the bistro displays an exterior mural commissioned by the Lemon Grove Historical Society. The award winning mural created by artists Kathleen Strzelecki and Janne LaValle is rich with the history of Lemon Grove and captures the essence of the of what is now home to the Lemon Grove Bistro.

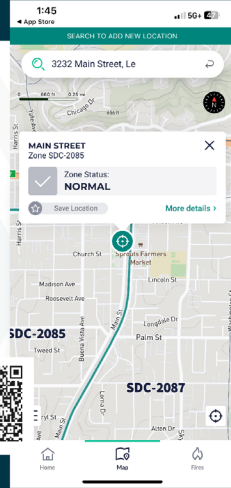
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-FREDERIK SELCHAU**



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Berry Street Park

7071 Mt. Veron Street, Lemon Grove, CA 91945
www.lemongrove.ca.gov

Friday, July 12
Migration (PG)

Friday, August 9
Kung Fu Panda 4 (PG)

Join us for free evening movies all season long! Beach chairs, blankets, and picnics are encouraged. Arrive 1 hour early for free activities for the kids from 6 pm-7 pm. Movies begin 15 minutes after sunset. Food will be for sale by local non-profits. Smoking, e-cigarettes, alcohol, and drugs are prohibited at City parks.

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March	9	September	21
May	4	October	19
June	15	December	7

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LEMON GROVE SHERIFF'S STATION FREE HOME SECURITY CONSULTATION

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HOW YOU IMPROVE YOUR HOME SECURITY



Install Security Cameras or Home Alarm



Increase Lighting



Secure Points of Entry



Maintain Landscaping to Avoid Possible Areas to Hide



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2024

CONCERTS IN THE PARK SCHEDULE

THE BAYOU BROS.
JUNE 27TH

MANNY CEPEDA ORCHESTRA
JULY 11TH

THE PLATINUM BEAT
JULY 18TH

THE NEW CAT-ILLACS
JULY 25TH

STACEY ANNE & THE MASTER PLAN
AUGUST 1ST

THE HARANA BAND
AUGUST 1ST

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JUNE 17TH
THRU
AUG. 9TH

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