



# Rancho Simi

RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

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## **RANCHO SIMI RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT TO HOST GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY AND TURTLE ROUND-UP AT OAK CANYON COMMUNITY PARK LAGOON**

The Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District (RSRPD) invites the community to participate in two upcoming events at the lagoon in Oak Canyon Community Park located at 5600 Hollytree Drive in Oak Park: The Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Oak Park Lagoon Renovation Project, and The Oak Park Lagoon Turtle Round-Up.

Reconstruction of the Oak Park Lagoon will soon begin and to commemorate the occasion, RSRPD will host a groundbreaking ceremony on Friday, June 17, at 5:30pm at Oak Canyon Community Park. The ceremony is open to the public and residents are encouraged to attend. The Oak Park Lagoon sustained extensive damage during the 2018 Woolsey Fire and subsequent flooding. The lagoon is now ready to be restored as an in-line pond with new dock, picnic shelter, cascading waterfall, and landscaping. Construction is scheduled to begin on July 11, 2022 and is expected to be completed by January 2023.

RSRPD will also be conducting a Turtle Round-Up on Thursday, June 30, from 3:30pm until dusk. Dozens of turtles living in the lagoon need to be gathered and relocated before construction begins. Turtles taken from the lagoon will be safely transported to a sanctuary where they will be well cared for. Park District staff along with volunteers will help catch, count, and prepare the turtles for the trip to their new home. Volunteers of all ages are welcome, and those age 16 and older must have a valid California Sport Fishing License.

For more information, please contact the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District at (805) 584-4400 or email [info@rsrpd.us](mailto:info@rsrpd.us).

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